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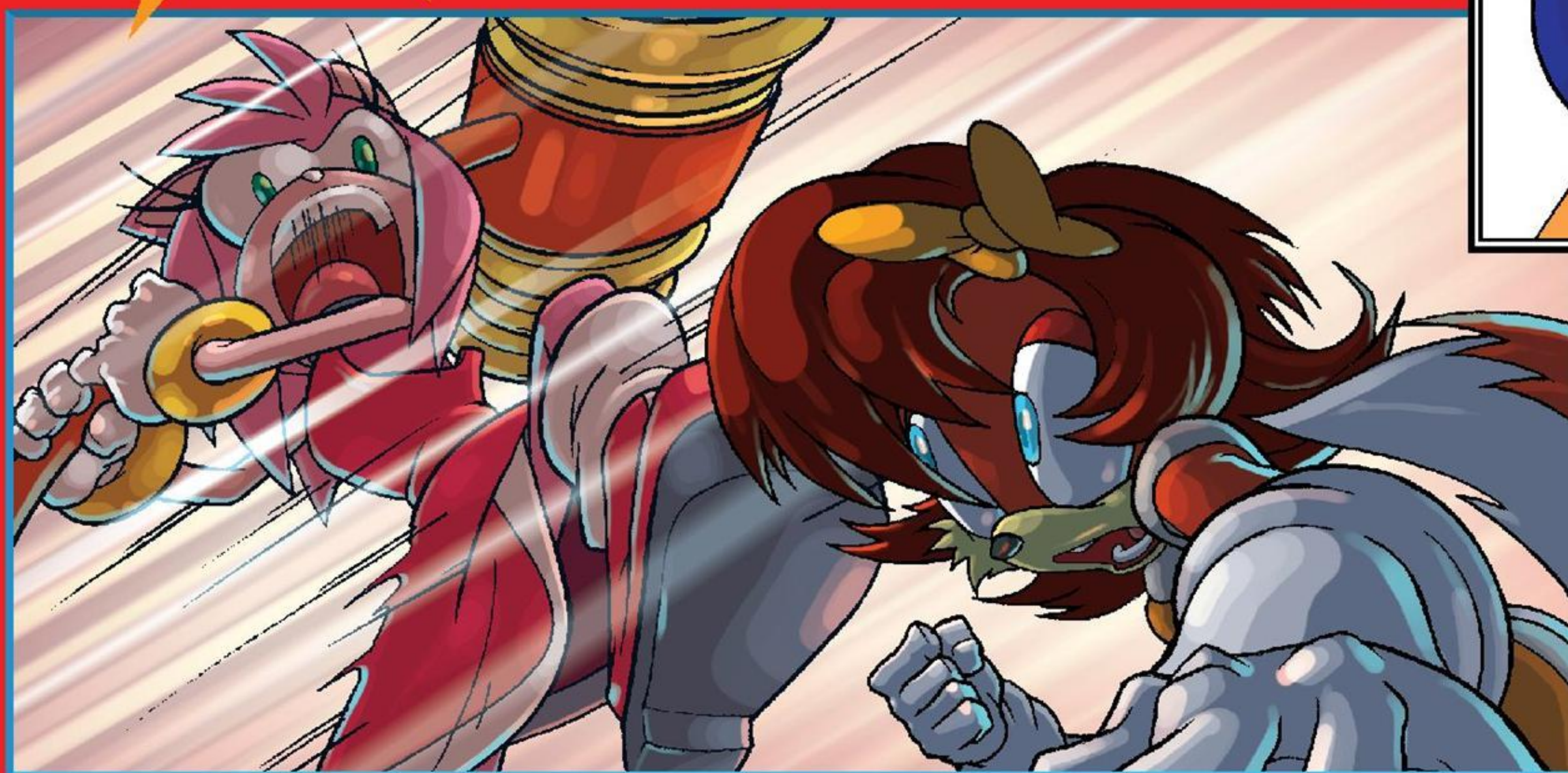
SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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SEGA®

AMY vs. FIONA!



SONIC
IN HOT
WATER

Bunnie & Antoine Back Together

BUT
WILL
IT
LAST?



SCOURGE'S
SECRET DATE

THE REAL STORY



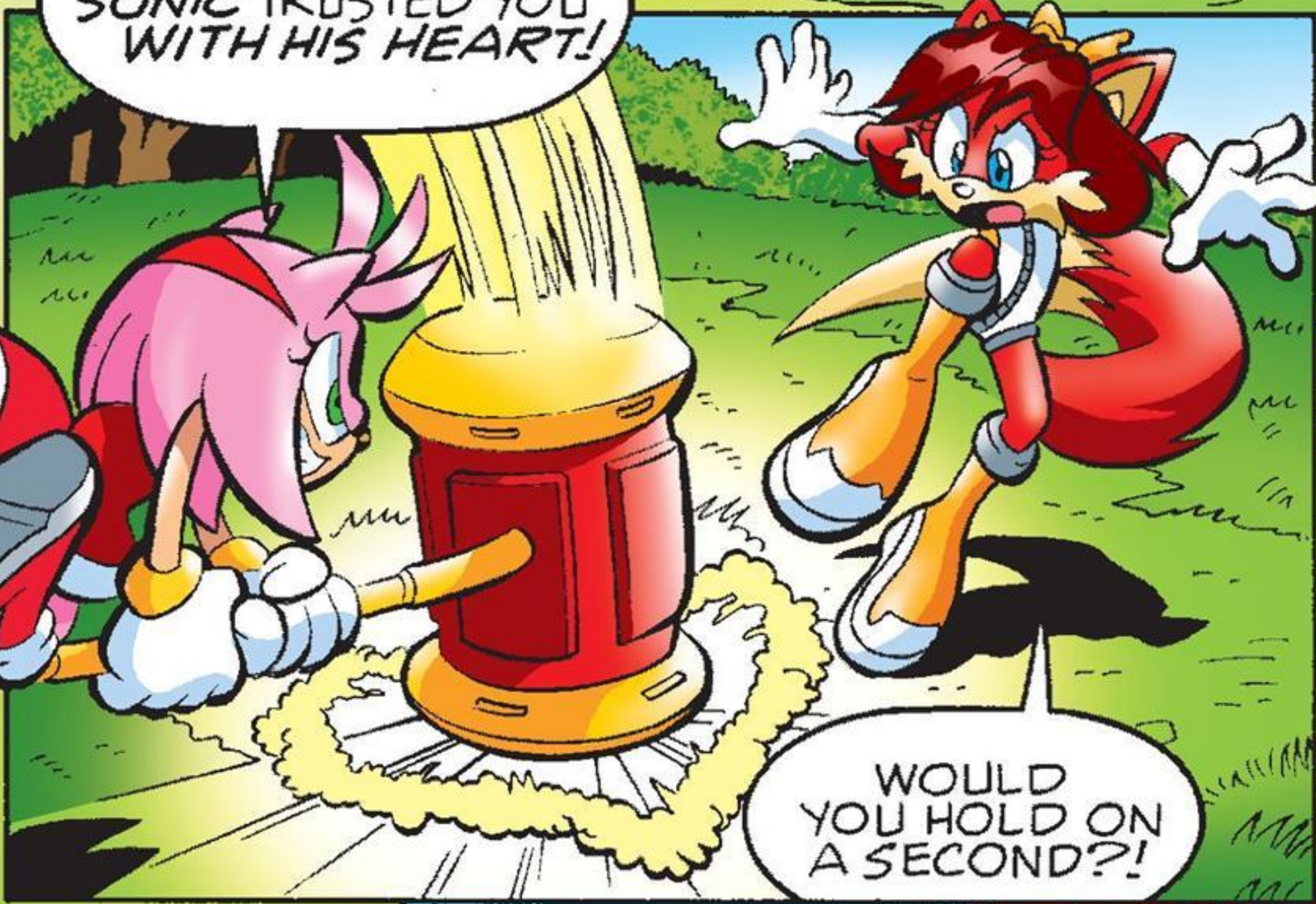


HOW
COULD
YOU?!

WHOA!

TRUTH
OF THE
HEART

WE TRUSTED YOU!
SONIC TRUSTED YOU
WITH HIS HEART!



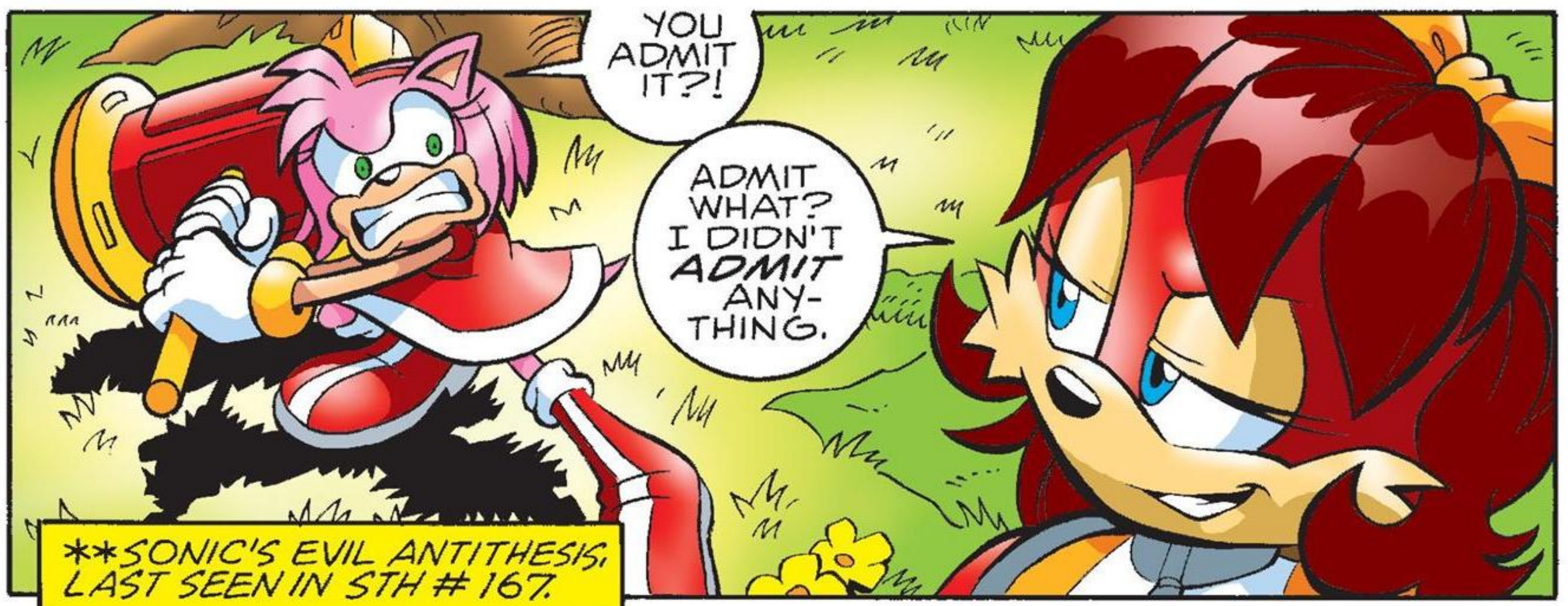
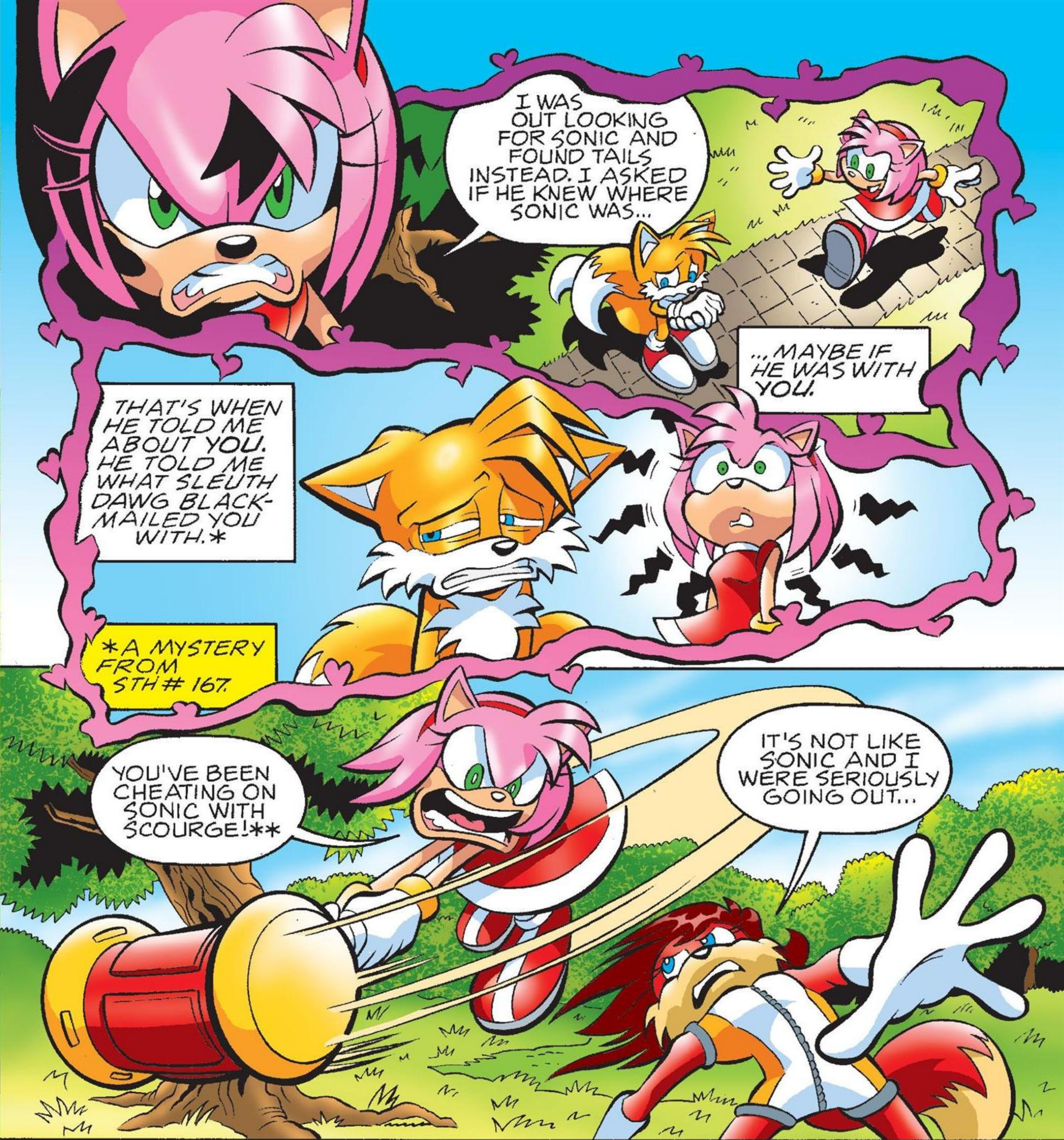
WOULD
YOU HOLD ON
A SECOND?!

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WHAT'S
THIS ALL
ABOUT?



DON'T
PLAY
DUMB
WITH
ME!





WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TELL THE TRUTH?

"THE TRUTH" GETS YOU HURT OR WORSE, LITTLE GIRL.

BUT EVEN IF YOU GOT ALL OF KNOTHOLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST ME...

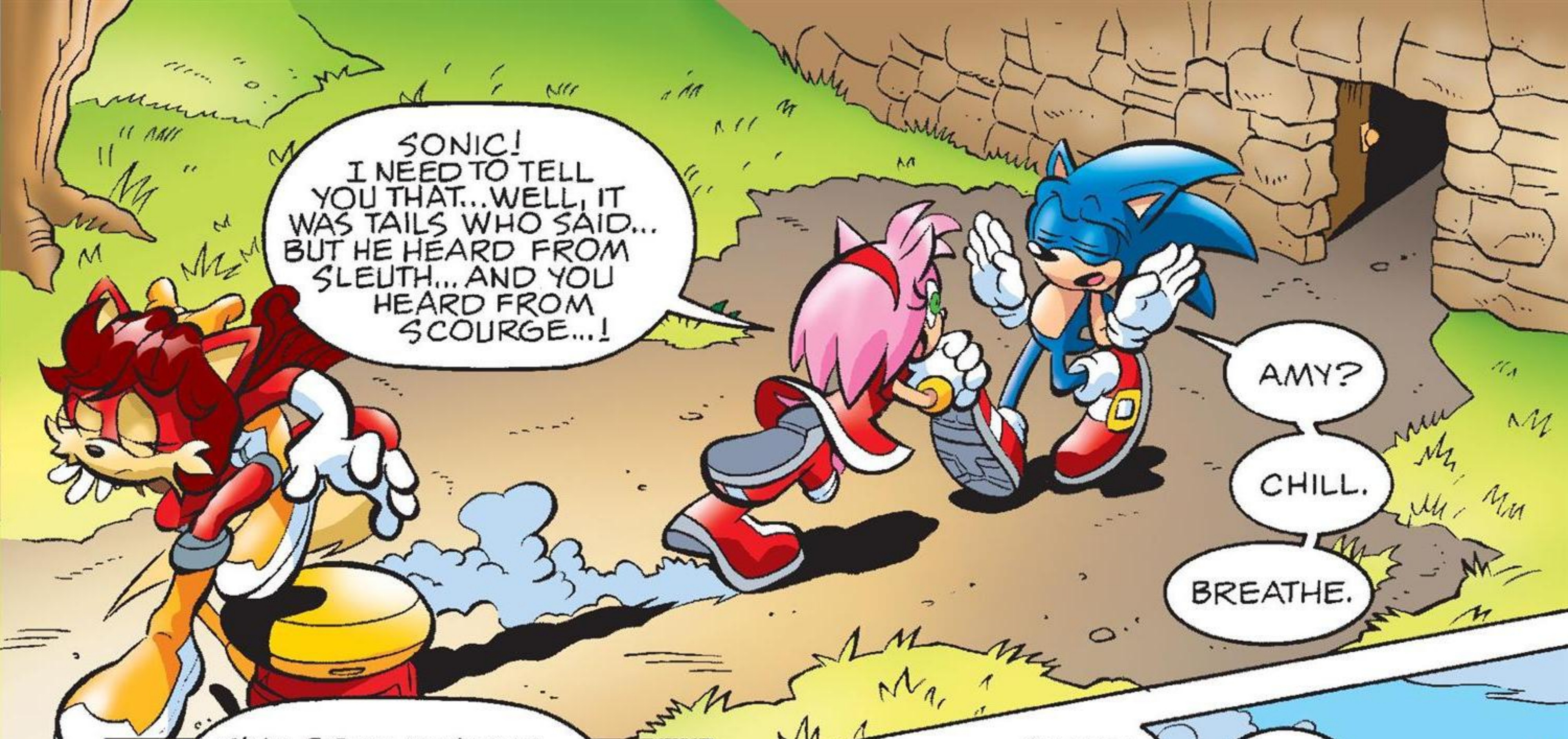


...SONIC WOULD NEVER BELIEVE YOU.



THAT'S NOT SAYING MUCH.

I TAKE EVERYTHING AMY SAYS WITH A SHAKER OF SALT.



SONIC!
I NEED TO TELL
YOU THAT... WELL, IT
WAS TAILS WHO SAID...
BUT HE HEARD FROM
SLEUTH... AND YOU
HEARD FROM
SCOURGE...!

AMY?
CHILL.
BREATHE.



I'VE BEEN MEANING
TO TALK TO FIONA,
ANYWAY. THANKS FOR
LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

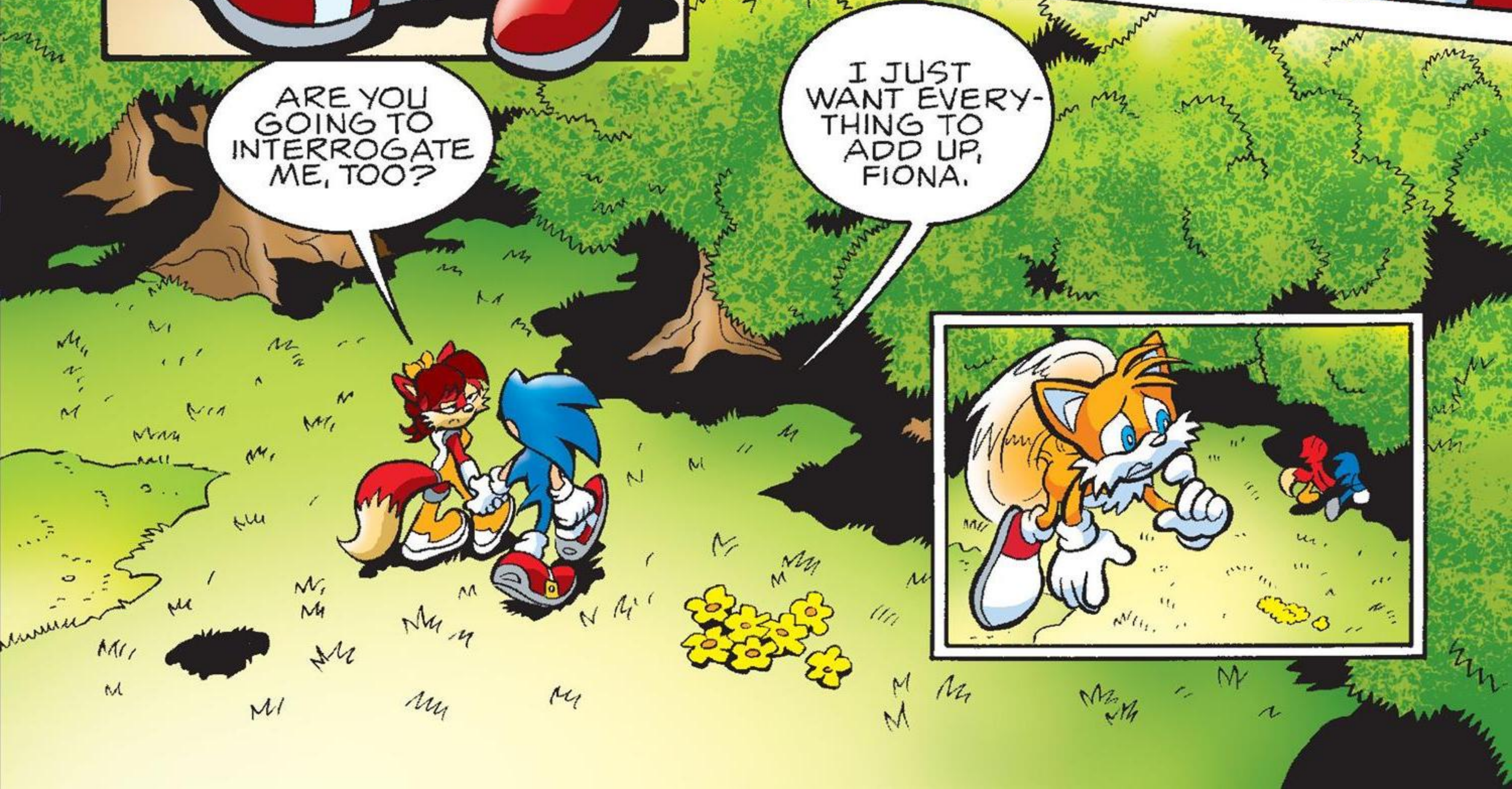
S-SURE...



C'MON,
FIONA. WALK
WITH ME, TALK
WITH ME.

...SURE.

THE
WAY HE
LOOKED
AT ME...!



ARE YOU
GOING TO
INTERROGATE
ME, TOO?

I JUST
WANT EVERY-
THING TO
ADD UP,
FIONA.



YOU'VE BEEN
DISAPPEARING
A LOT LATELY.
WITH YOUR
SKETCHY PAST,
THAT KINDA
MAKES ME
WONDER,
Y'KNOW?

EXCUSE
ME?



YOU SAID YOU
WERE COOL WITH
MY PAST!

I AM.
I'M NOT
COOL WITH
HOW IT MIGHT
BE AFFECTING
THE NOW!



THE
NOW?

WHAT ABOUT WHEN
I HELPED STOP BEAN
AND BARK ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY?*

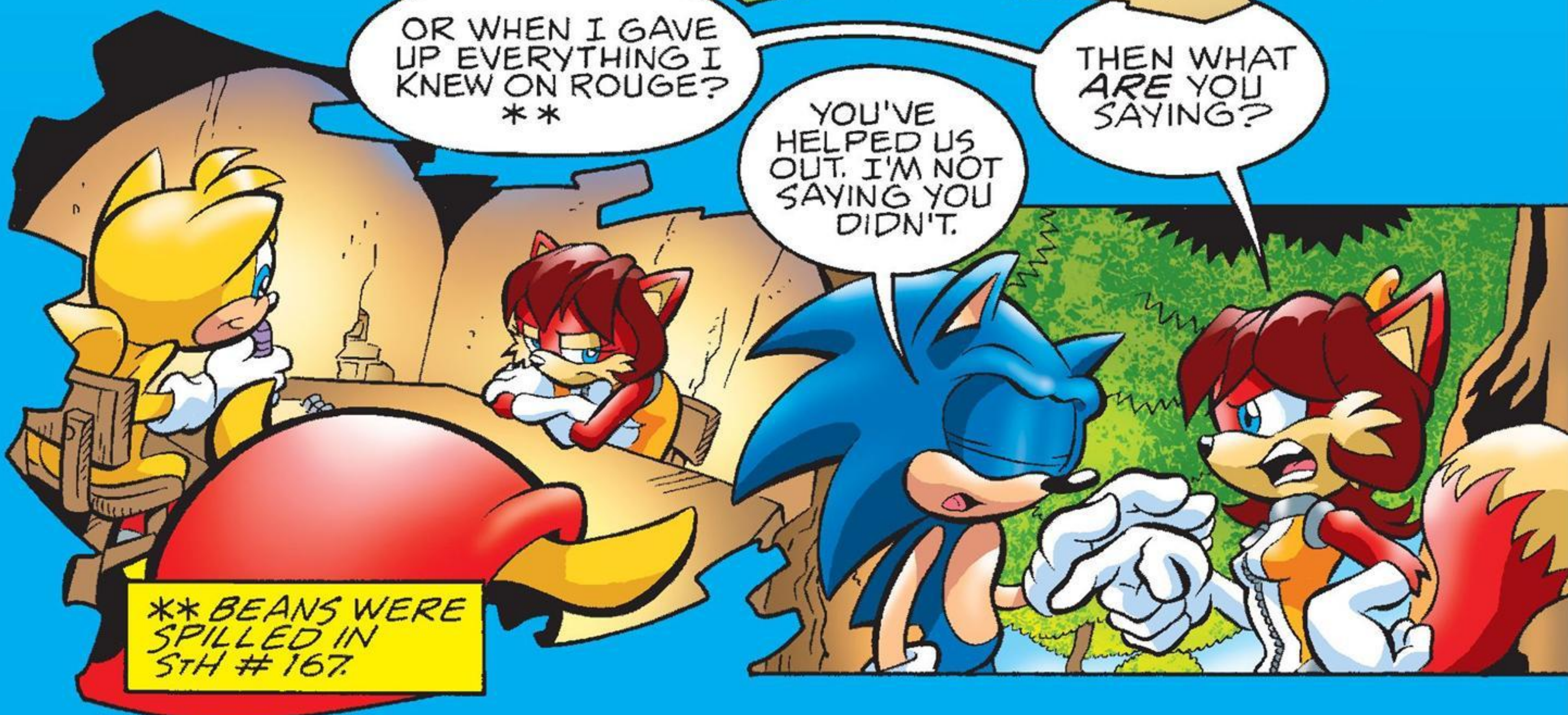


*SEE STH # 160.

OR WHEN I GAVE
UP EVERYTHING I
KNEW ON ROUGE?
**

YOU'VE
HELPED US
OUT. I'M NOT
SAYING YOU
DIDN'T.

THEN WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



** BEANS WERE
SPILLED IN
STH # 167.

WHAT I'M SAYING IS, YOU DIDN'T SHOW ANY INTEREST IN ME UNTIL AFTER SCOURGE IMPERSONATED ME.*

WHAT I'M SAYING IS, FOUR SEPARATE FOLKS SAY YOU'RE PLAYING ME. SCOURGE AND SLEUTH COULD BE LYING, BUT I TRUST AMY AND TAILS.



*BACK WHEN HE WAS EVIL SONIC IN S# 150-151.

YOU TRUST A COUPLE OF KIDS OVER ME, HUH?

I WANT TO TRUST YOU, TOO, FI! I JUST NEED YOU TO CLEAR THIS UP FOR ME.

I TRIED THE HERO THING, SONIC. I REALLY DID.



I STUCK TO IT FOR YOU. I THOUGHT WE COULD MAYBE FIND SOME MIDDLE GROUND.

...MIDDLE GROUND?

SHE MEANS SHE WISHES YOU HAD A BACKBONE, MORON.

HEY, SWEETIE.



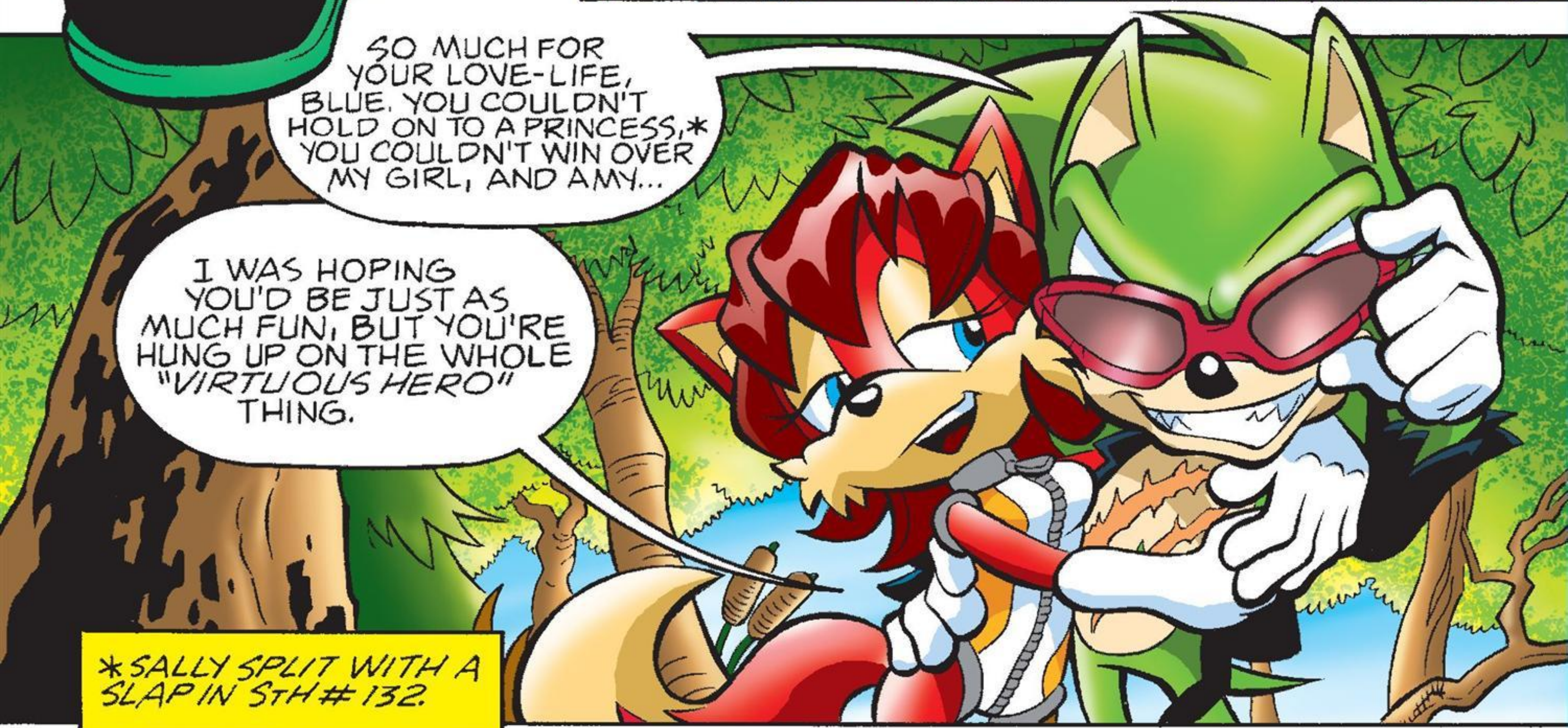


HEY, BABE.

YOU CAUGHT ON TO ONE THING, SONIC-- IT WAS *ME* SHE FELL FOR FIRST.

WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT SCOURGE WASN'T THE REAL DEAL, I TRIED TO FIND THE SAME ATTRACTION IN YOU, SONIC.

I TOLD HER IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME. ANY GUY AFTER ME IS GONNA BE BLAND.



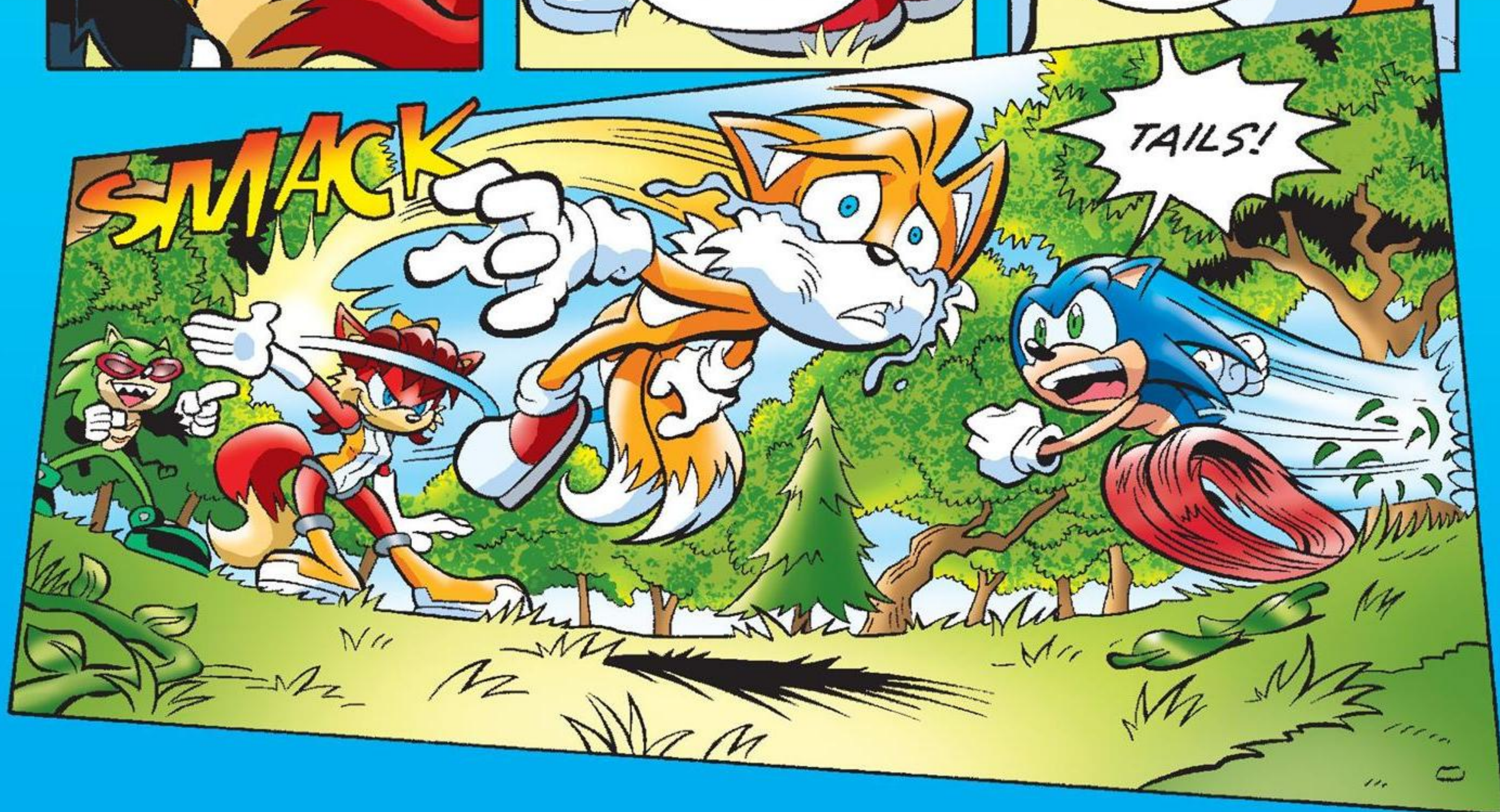
SO MUCH FOR YOUR LOVE-LIFE, BLUE. YOU COULDN'T HOLD ON TO A PRINCESS,* YOU COULDN'T WIN OVER MY GIRL, AND AMY...

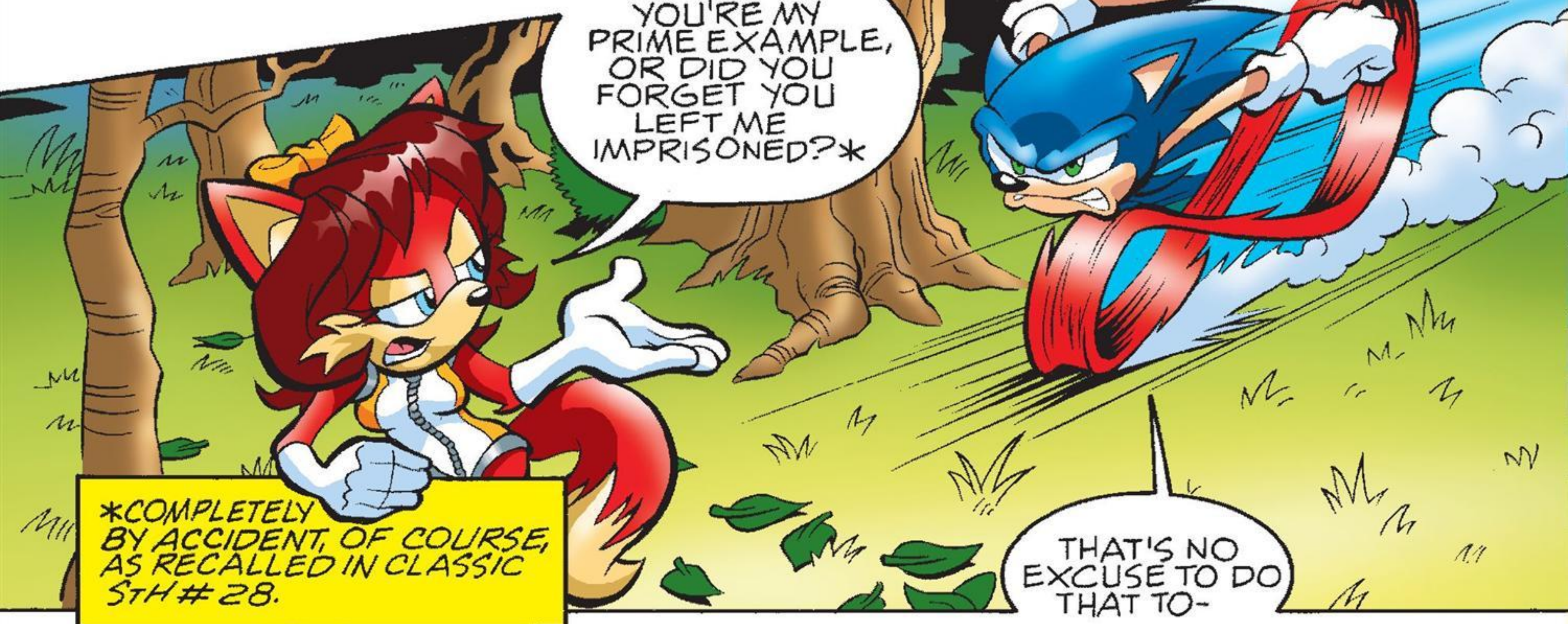
I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE JUST AS MUCH FUN, BUT YOU'RE HUNG UP ON THE WHOLE "VIRTUOUS HERO" THING.

*SALLY SPLIT WITH A SLAP IN STH # 132.



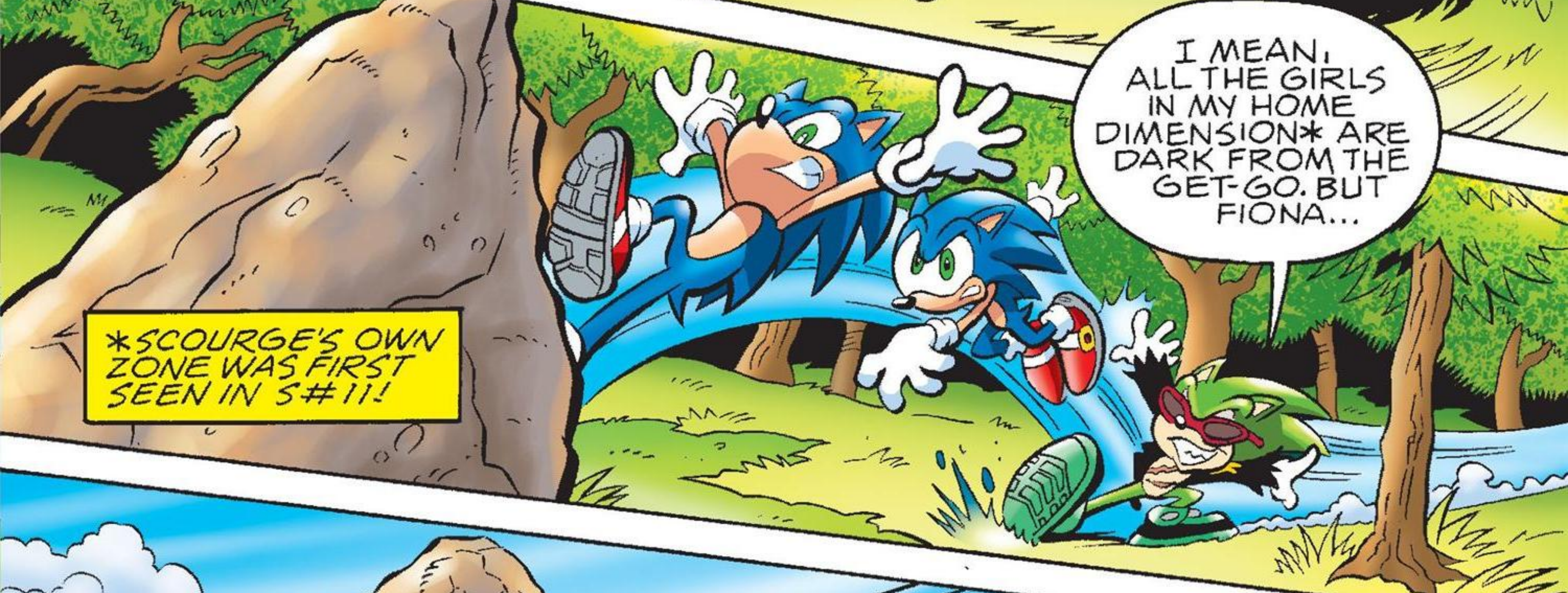
... HEH, YEAH, SURE. THERE'S A REAL PRIZE-WINNER.





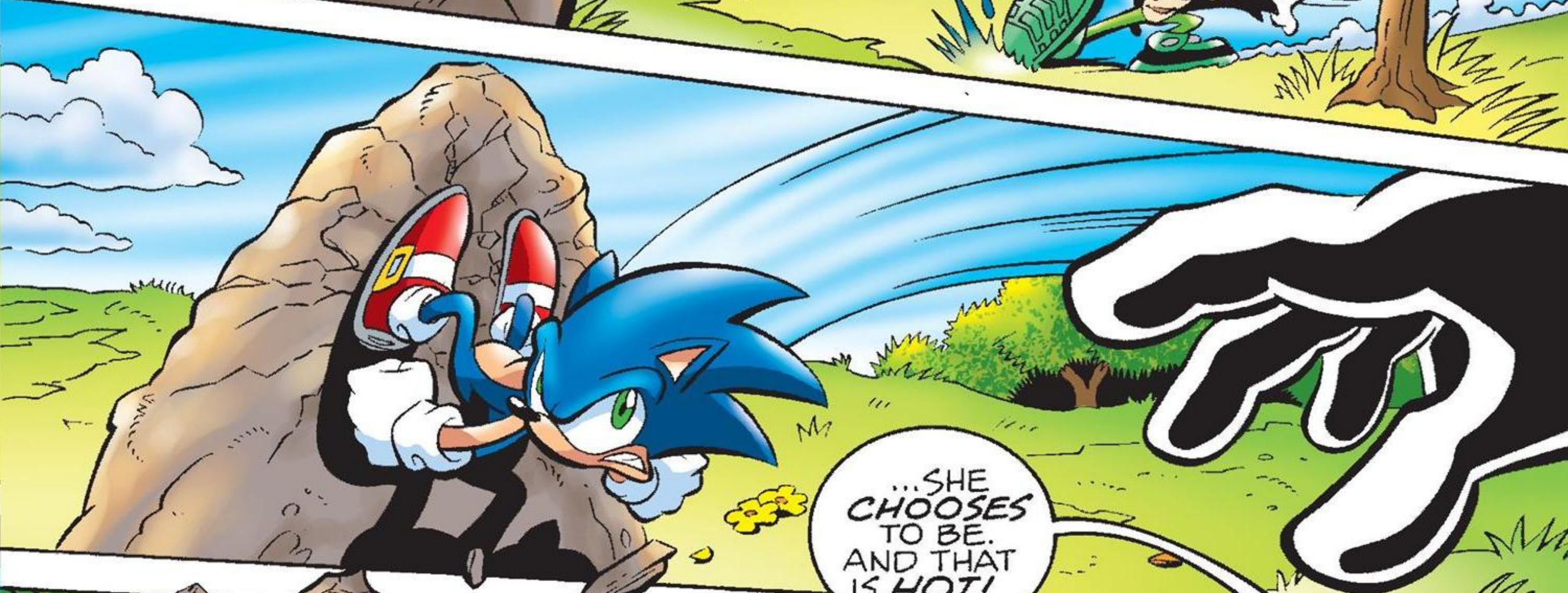


DON'T GET ME WRONG, WUSS. AS MUCH AS I LIKE MESSIN' WITH YOU, I THINK I ACTUALLY LIKE FIONA.

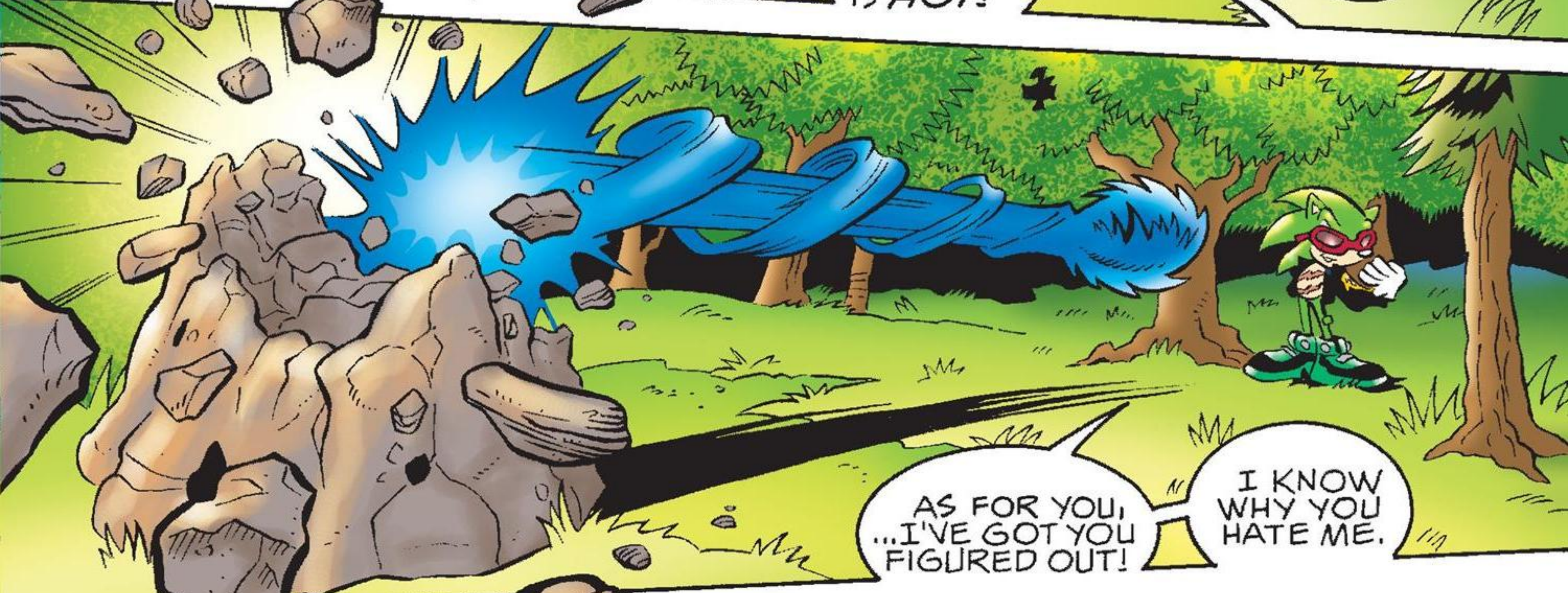


I MEAN, ALL THE GIRLS IN MY HOME DIMENSION* ARE DARK FROM THE GET-GO. BUT FIONA...

*SCOURGE'S OWN ZONE WAS FIRST SEEN IN S#11!

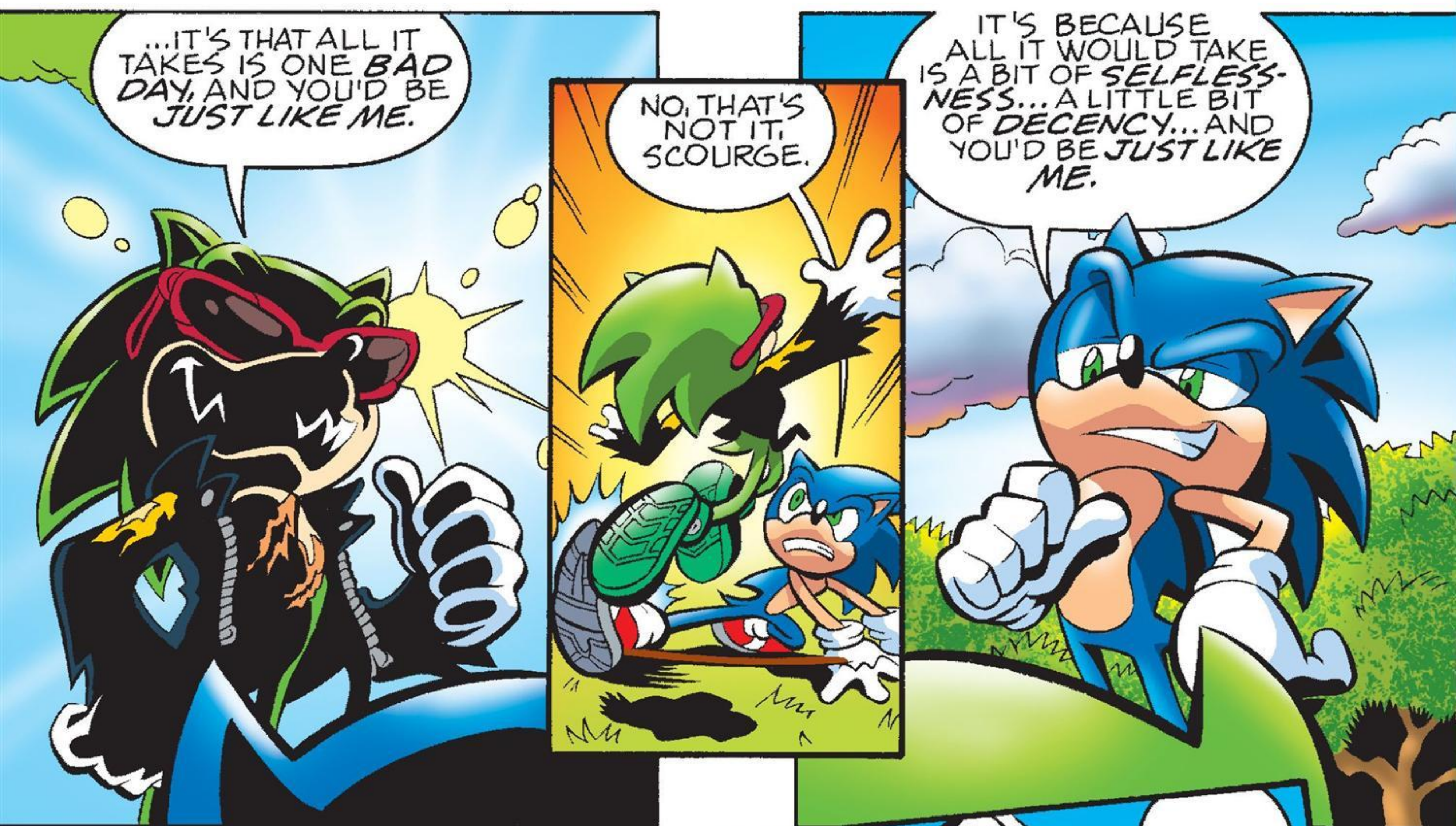


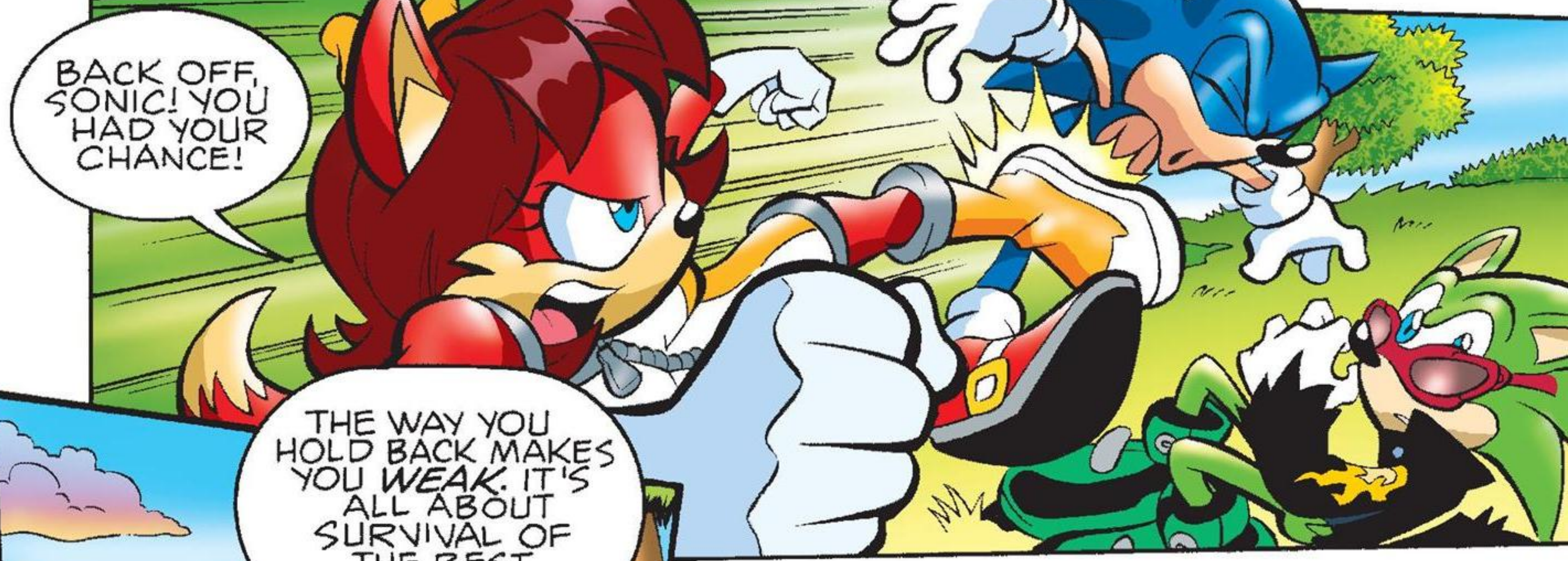
...SHE CHOOSES TO BE. AND THAT IS HOT!



AS FOR YOU, ...I'VE GOT YOU FIGURED OUT!

I KNOW WHY YOU HATE ME.





BACK OFF, SONIC! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE!

THE WAY YOU HOLD BACK MAKES YOU *WEAK*. IT'S ALL ABOUT SURVIVAL OF THE BEST. AND YOU'RE--



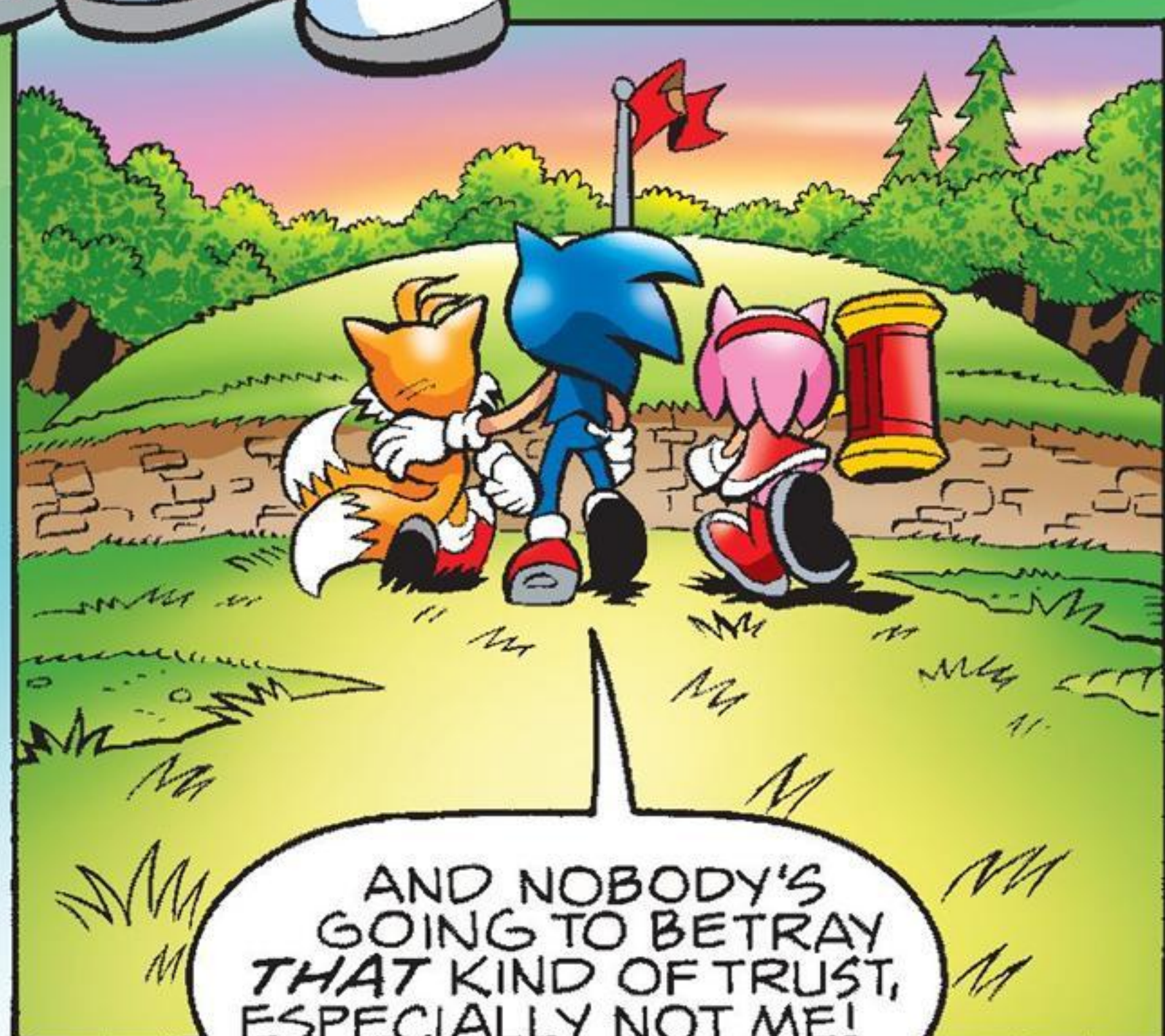
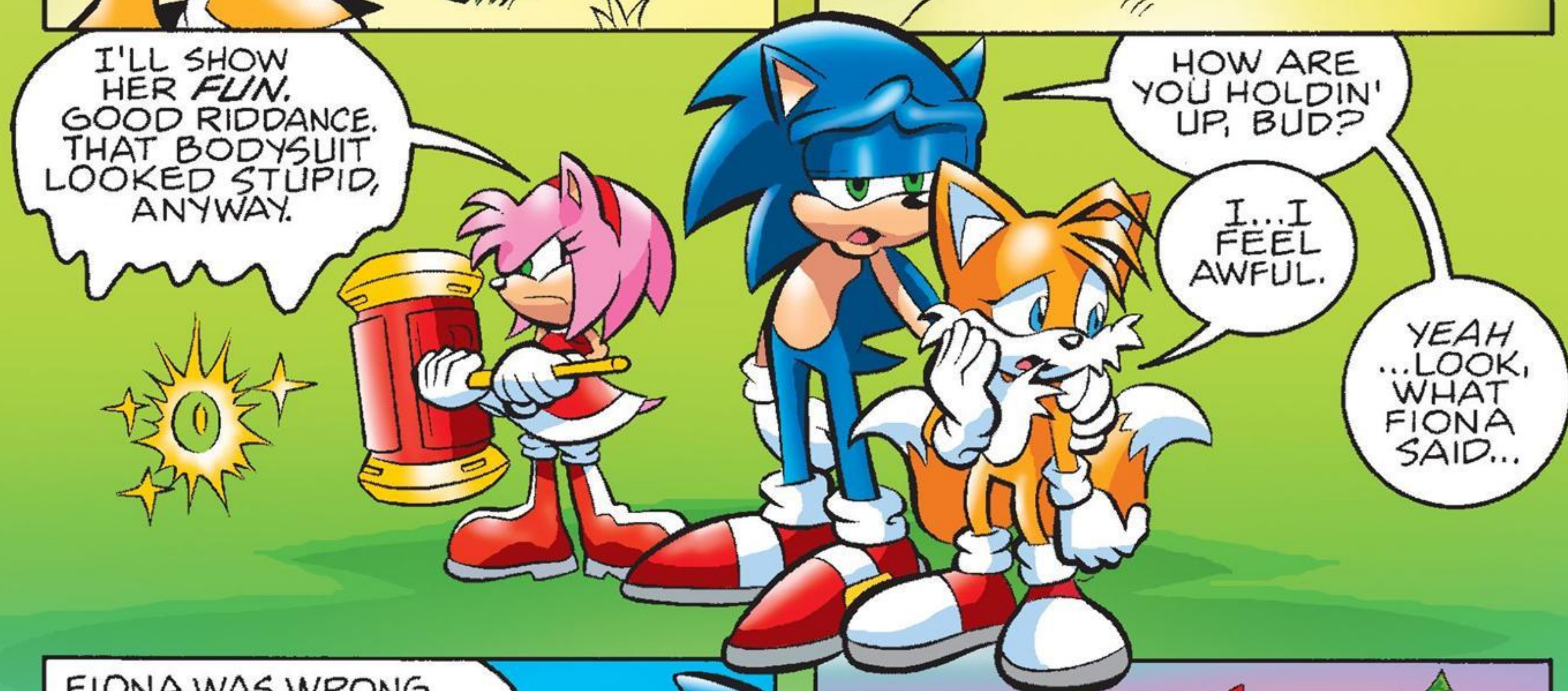
WOULD YOU SHUT UP, ALREADY?!



WHICH LEAVES THE BACK-STABBING, HEART-WRENCHING, UGLY, STUPID, DUMB HAIRBAND-WEARING *TRAITOR* TO ME!

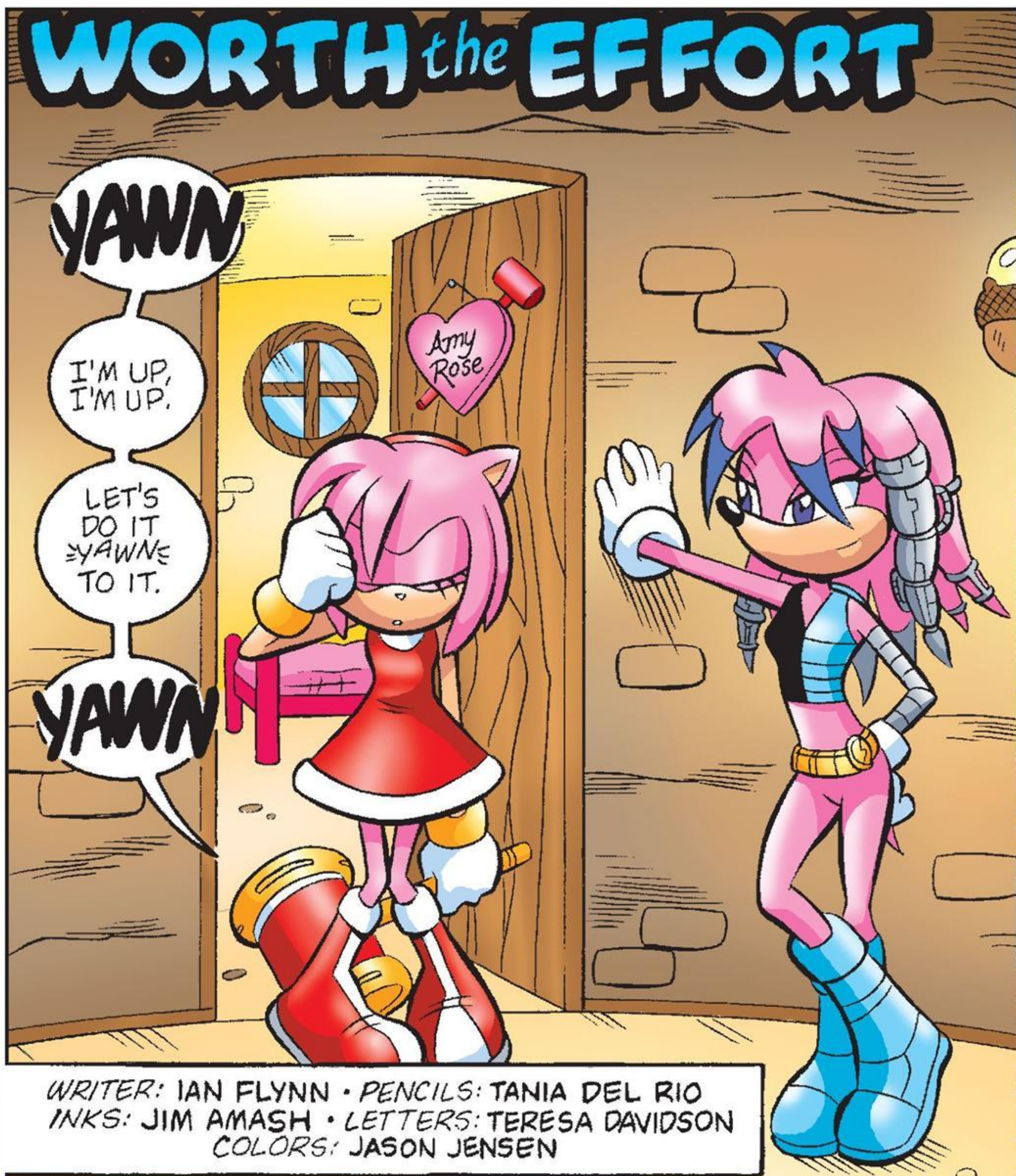
I--I CAN'T HURT YOU, FIONA.

BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU, SCOURGE!





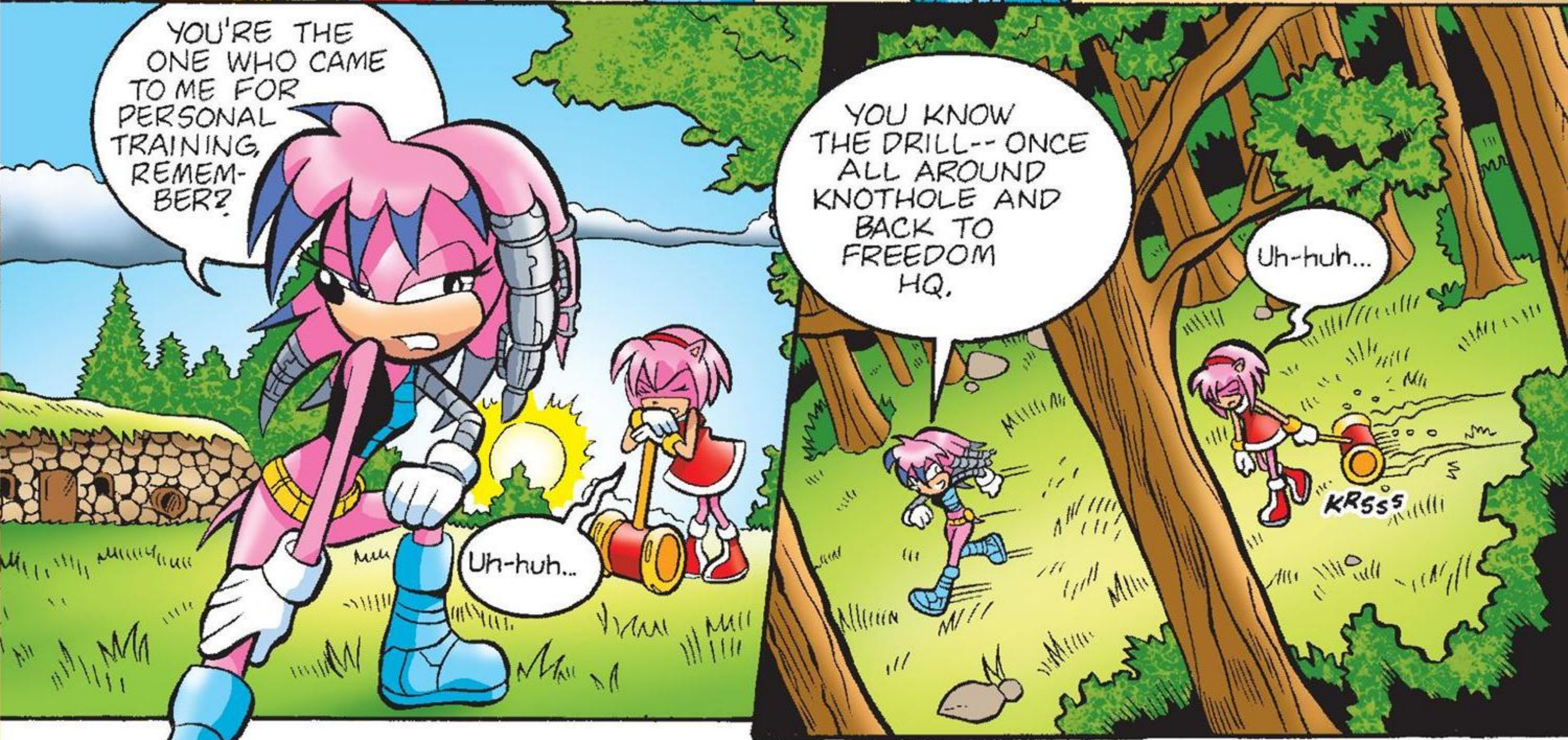
WHAT LIFE-CHANGING ACTION IS **ANTOINE** ABOUT TO TAKE?
 DOES IT INVOLVE THE EVER-GROWING VILLAIN COUNT?
 FIND OUT IN THIRTY IN **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** #173!





COME ON, AMY! YOU OUGHT TO BE USED TO THIS HOUR BY NOW!

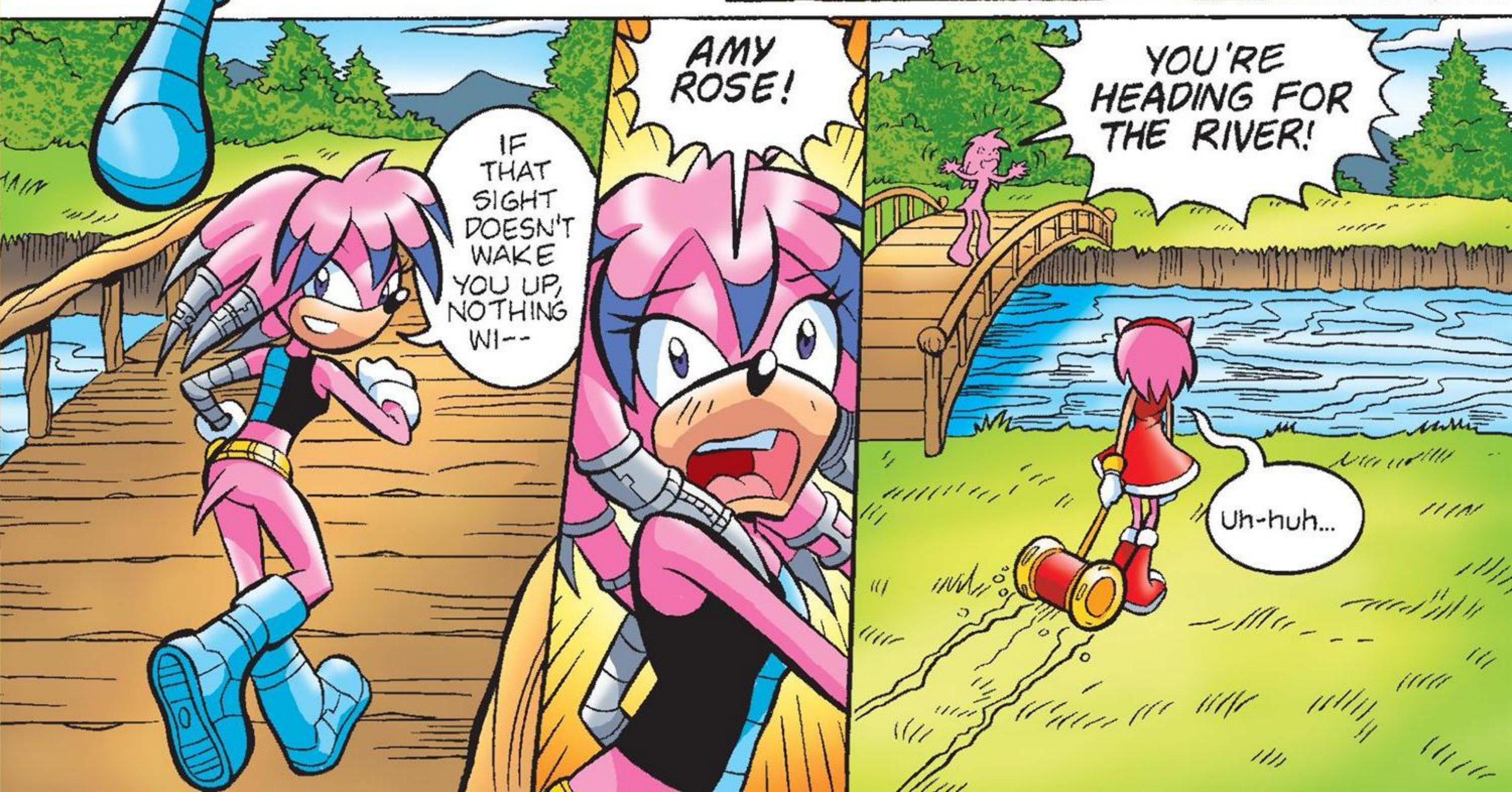
Uh-huh...



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAME TO ME FOR PERSONAL TRAINING, REMEMBER?

YOU KNOW THE DRILL-- ONCE ALL AROUND KNOTHOLE AND BACK TO FREEDOM HQ.

Uh-huh...

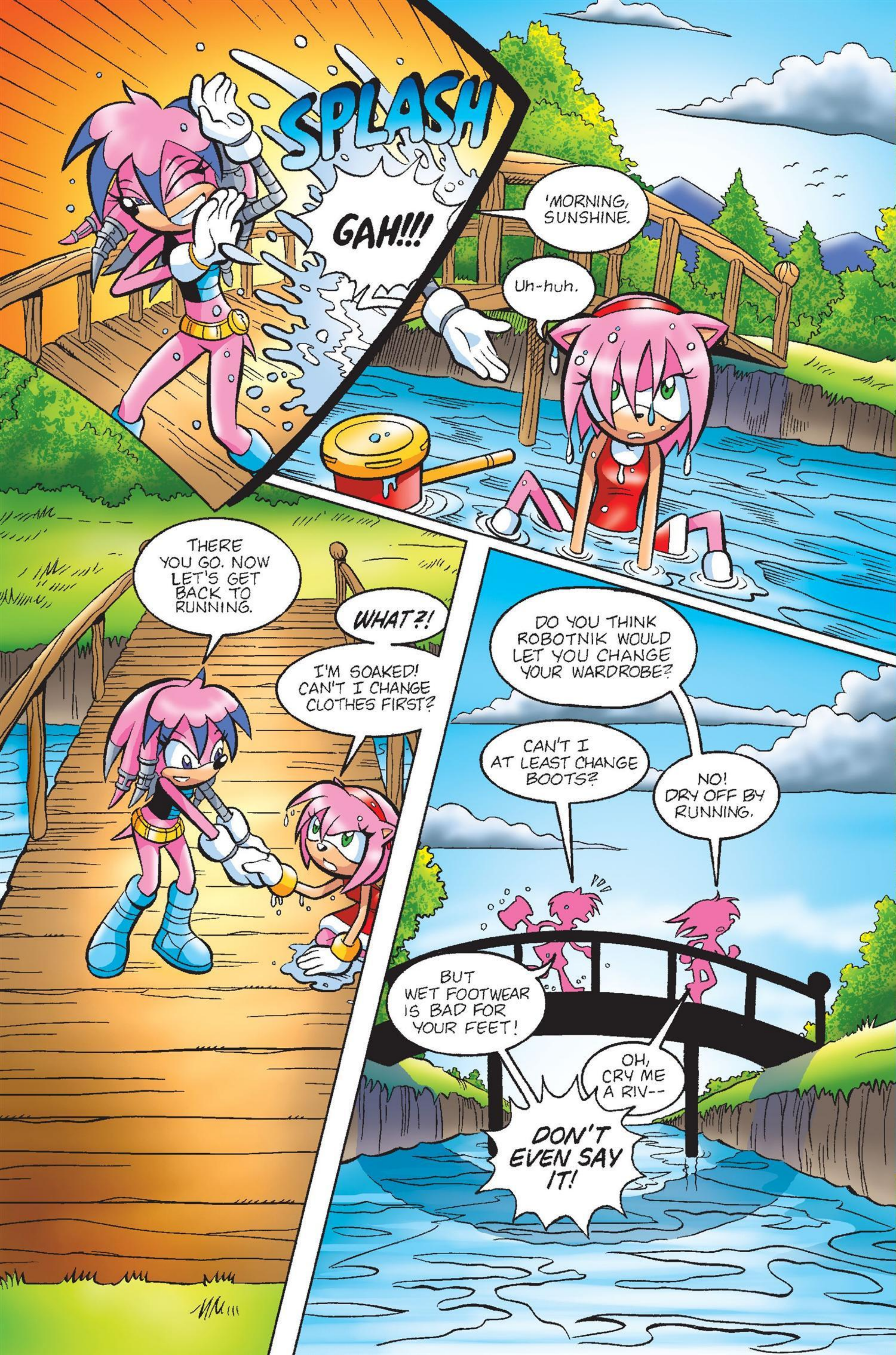


IF THAT SIGHT DOESN'T WAKE YOU UP, NOTHING WILL--

AMY ROSE!

YOU'RE HEADING FOR THE RIVER!

Uh-huh...



SPLASH

GAH!!!

'MORNING, SUNSHINE.

Uh-huh.

THERE YOU GO. NOW LET'S GET BACK TO RUNNING.

WHAT?!

I'M SOAKED! CAN'T I CHANGE CLOTHES FIRST?

DO YOU THINK ROBOTNIK WOULD LET YOU CHANGE YOUR WARDROBE?

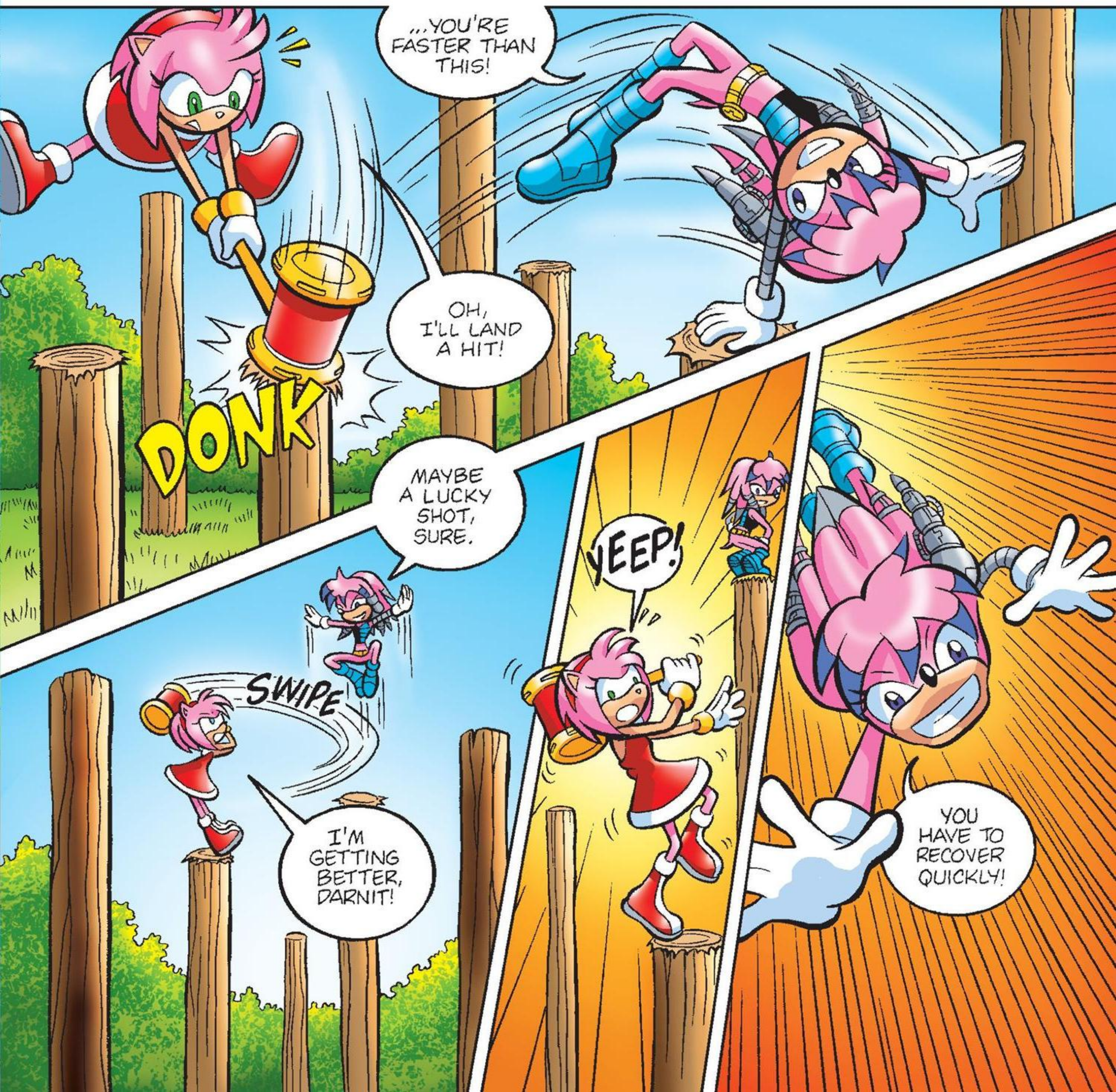
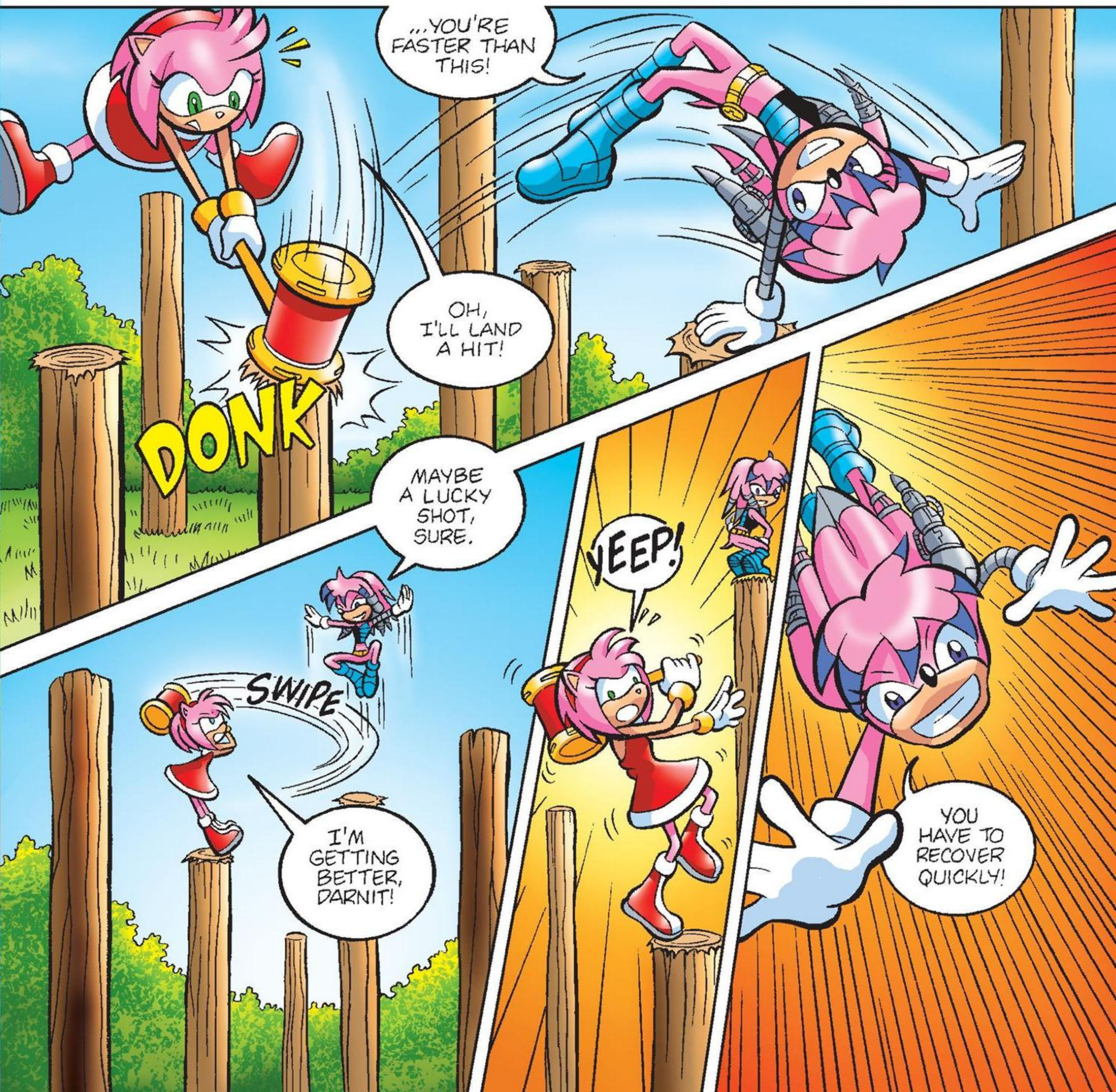
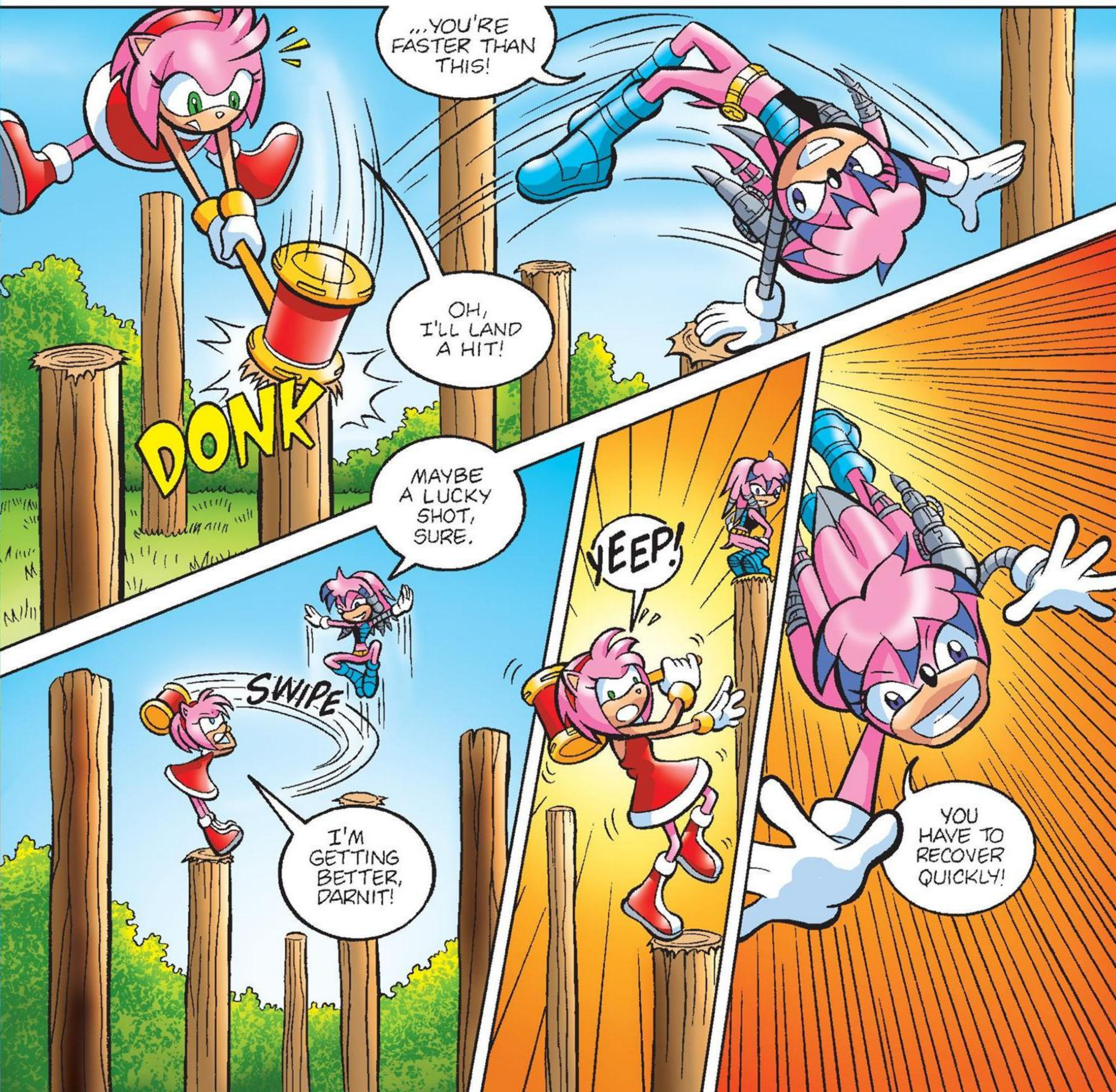
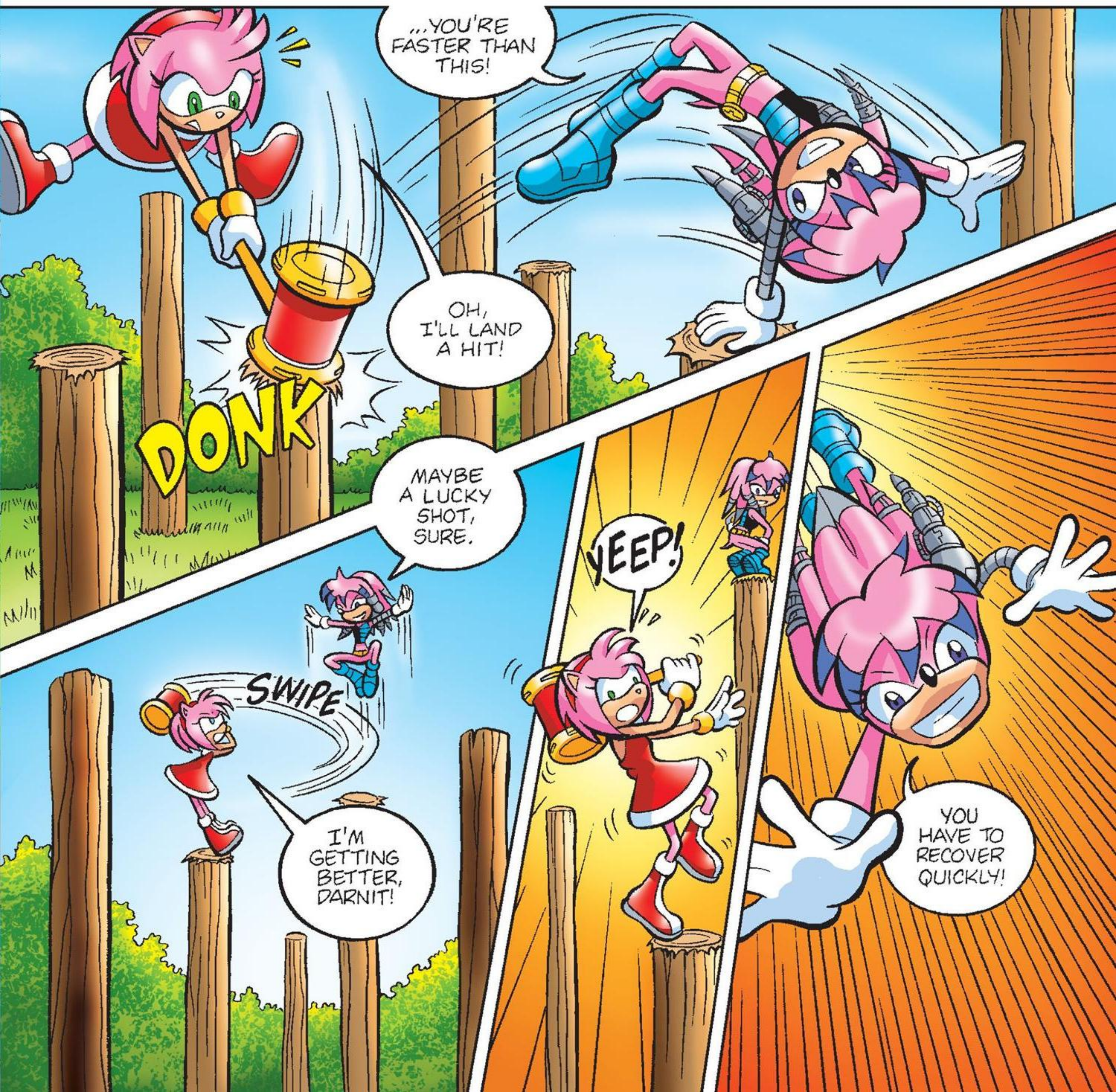
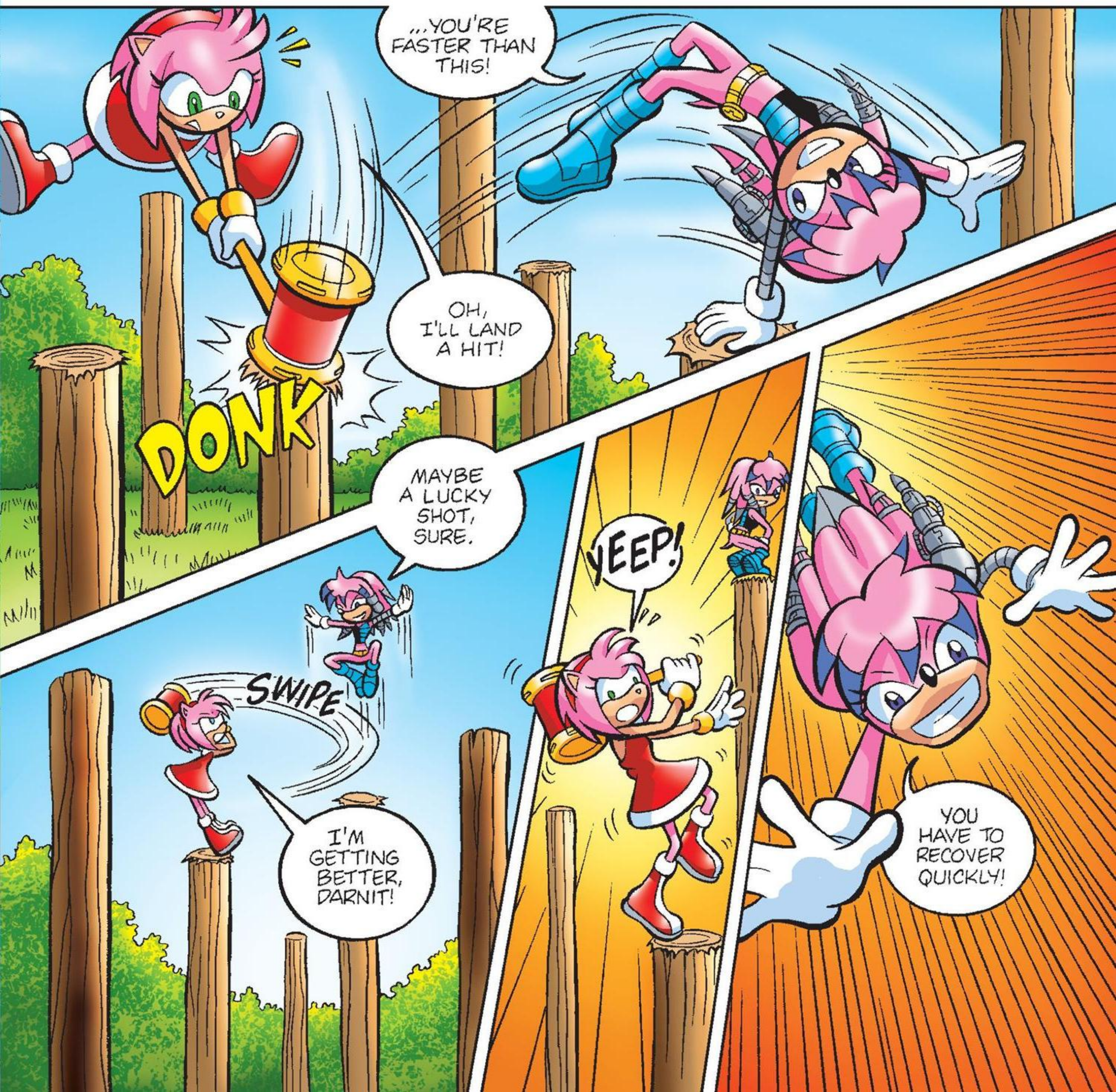
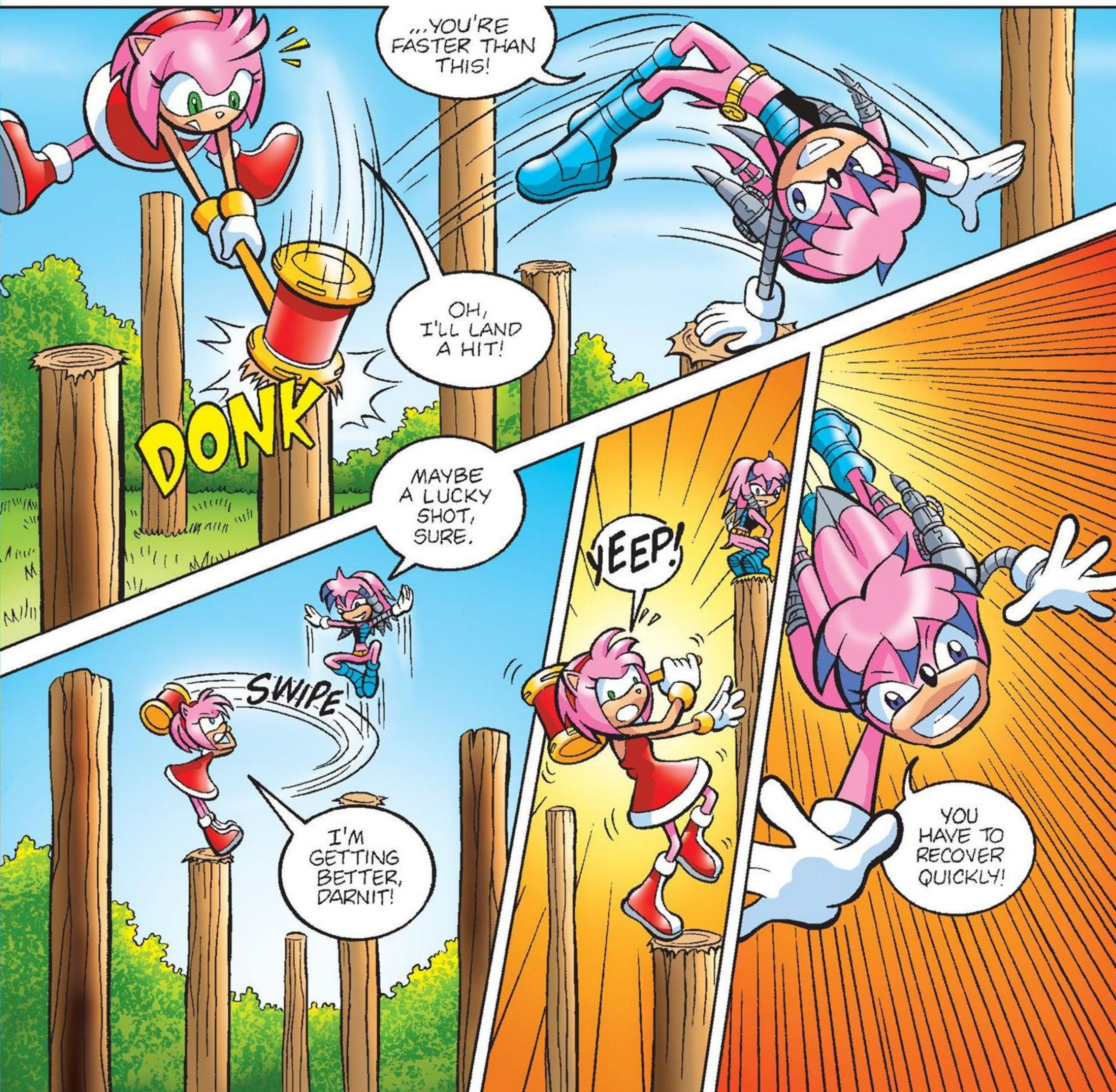
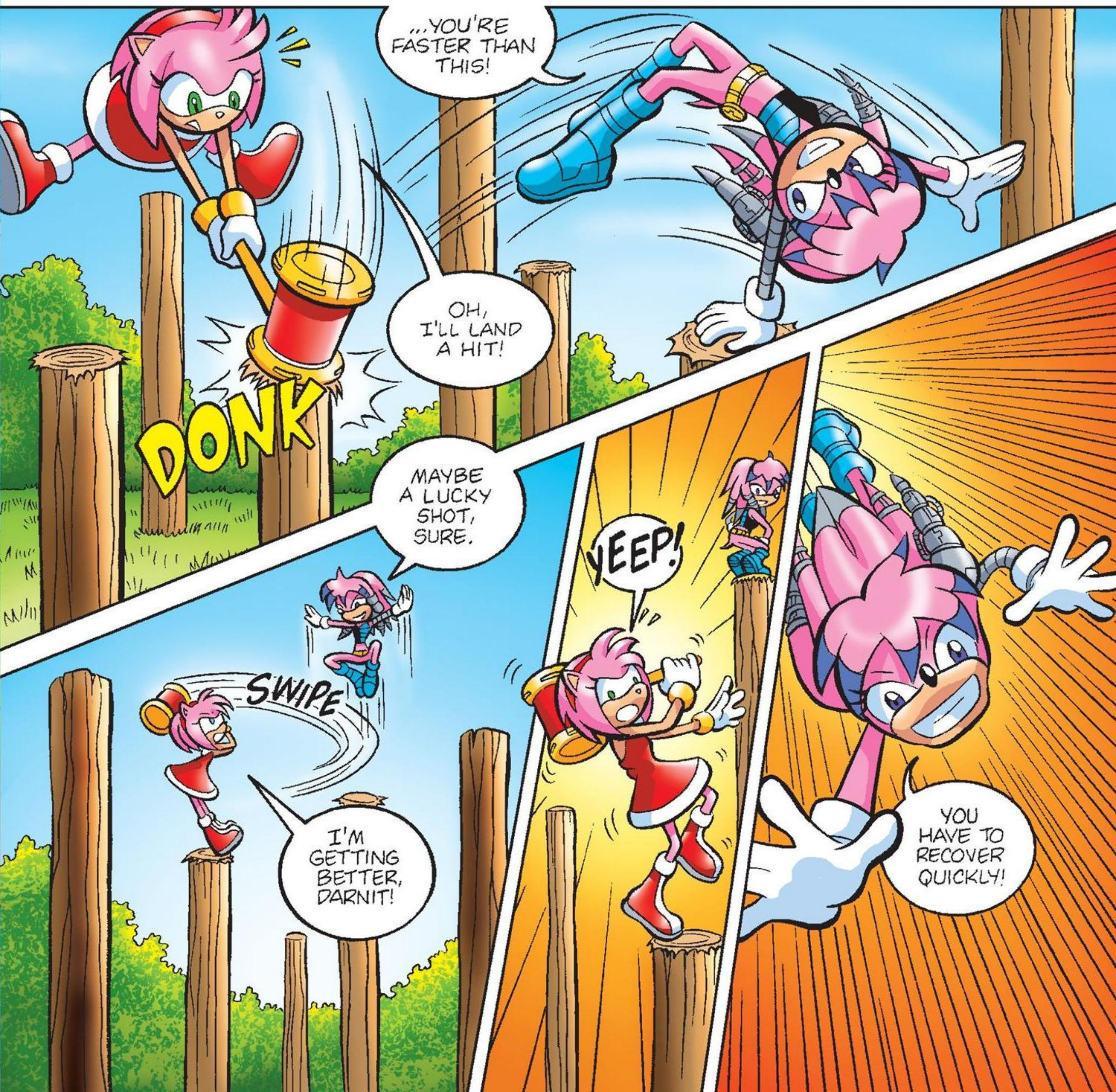
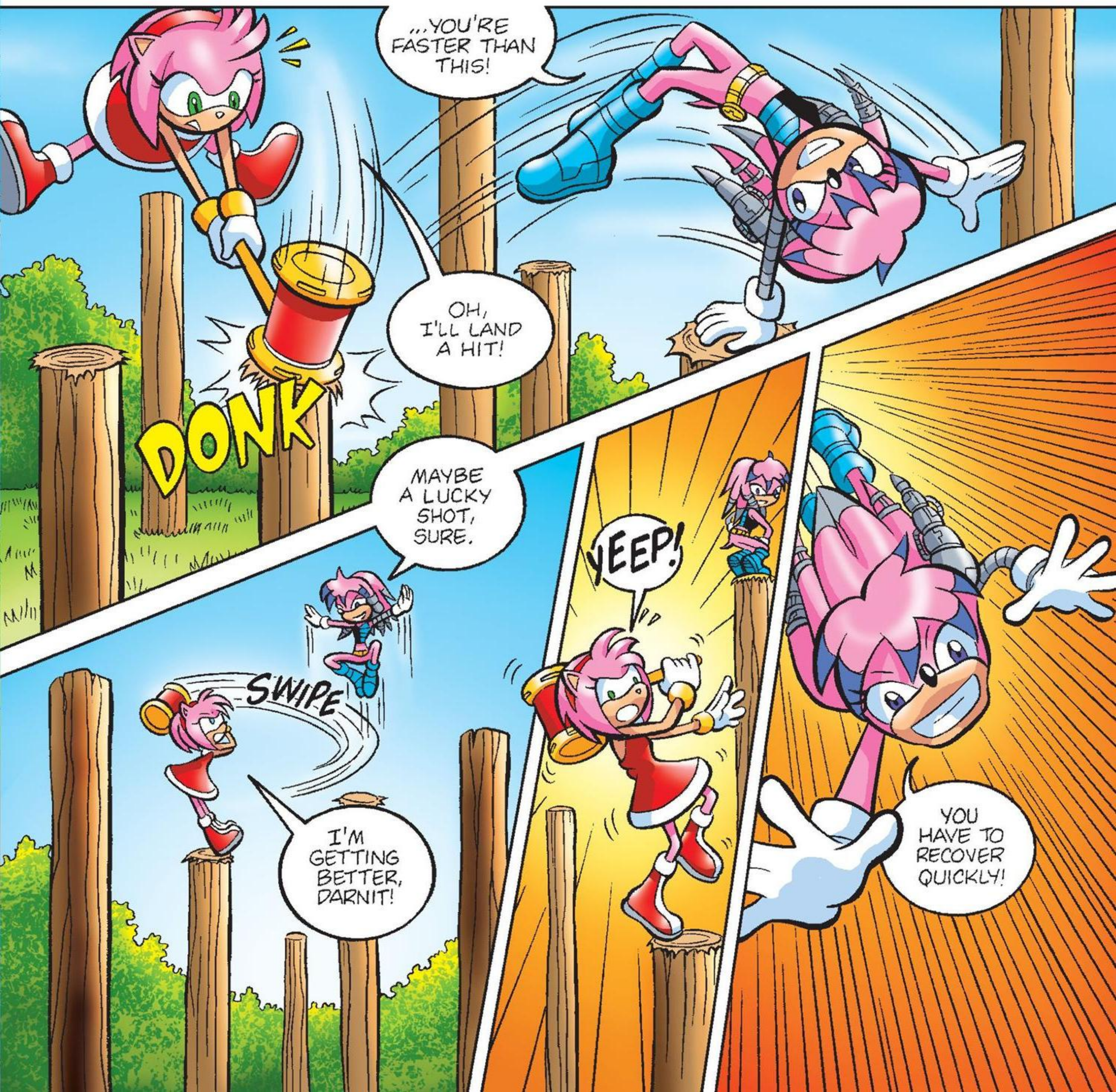
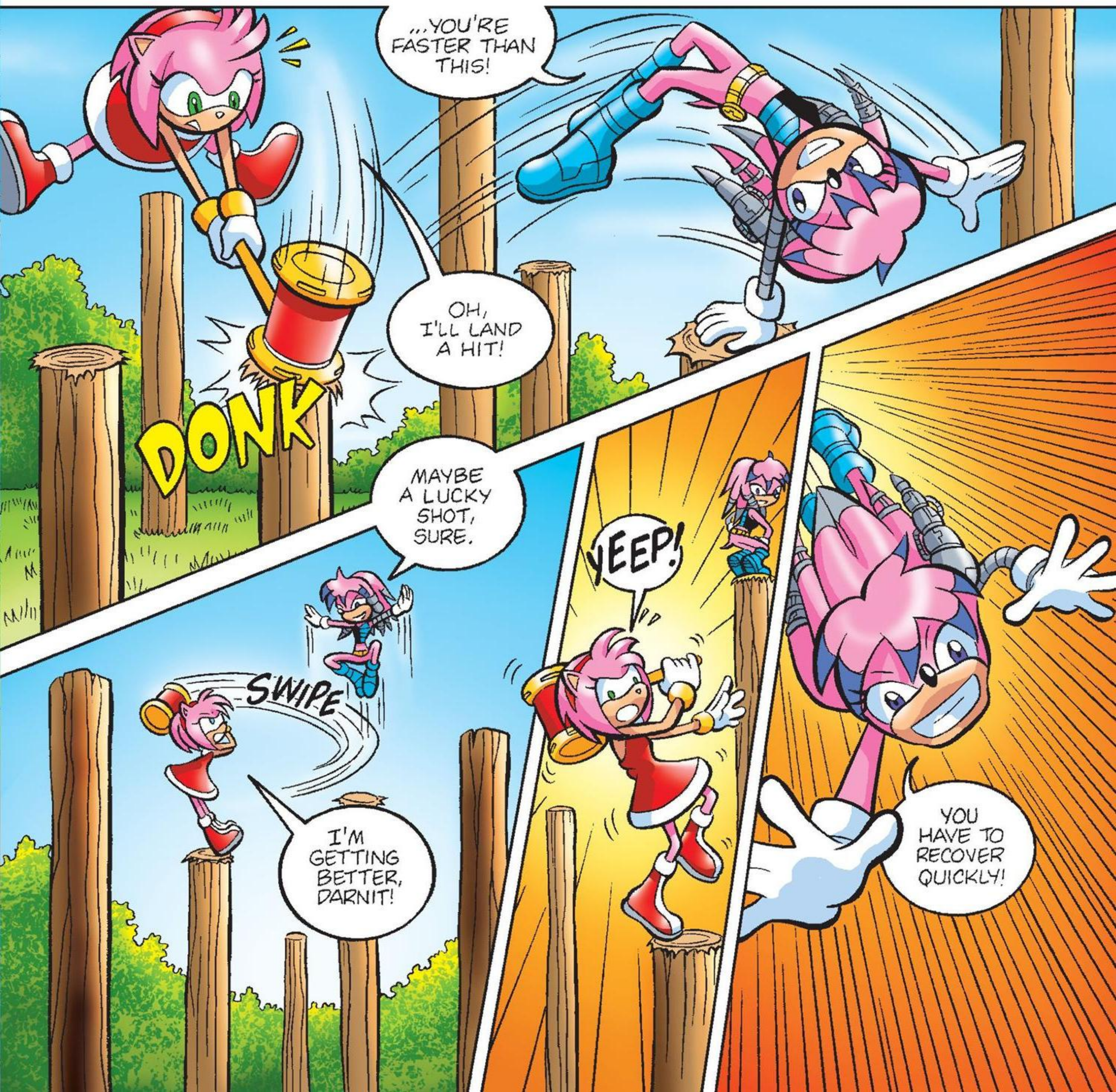
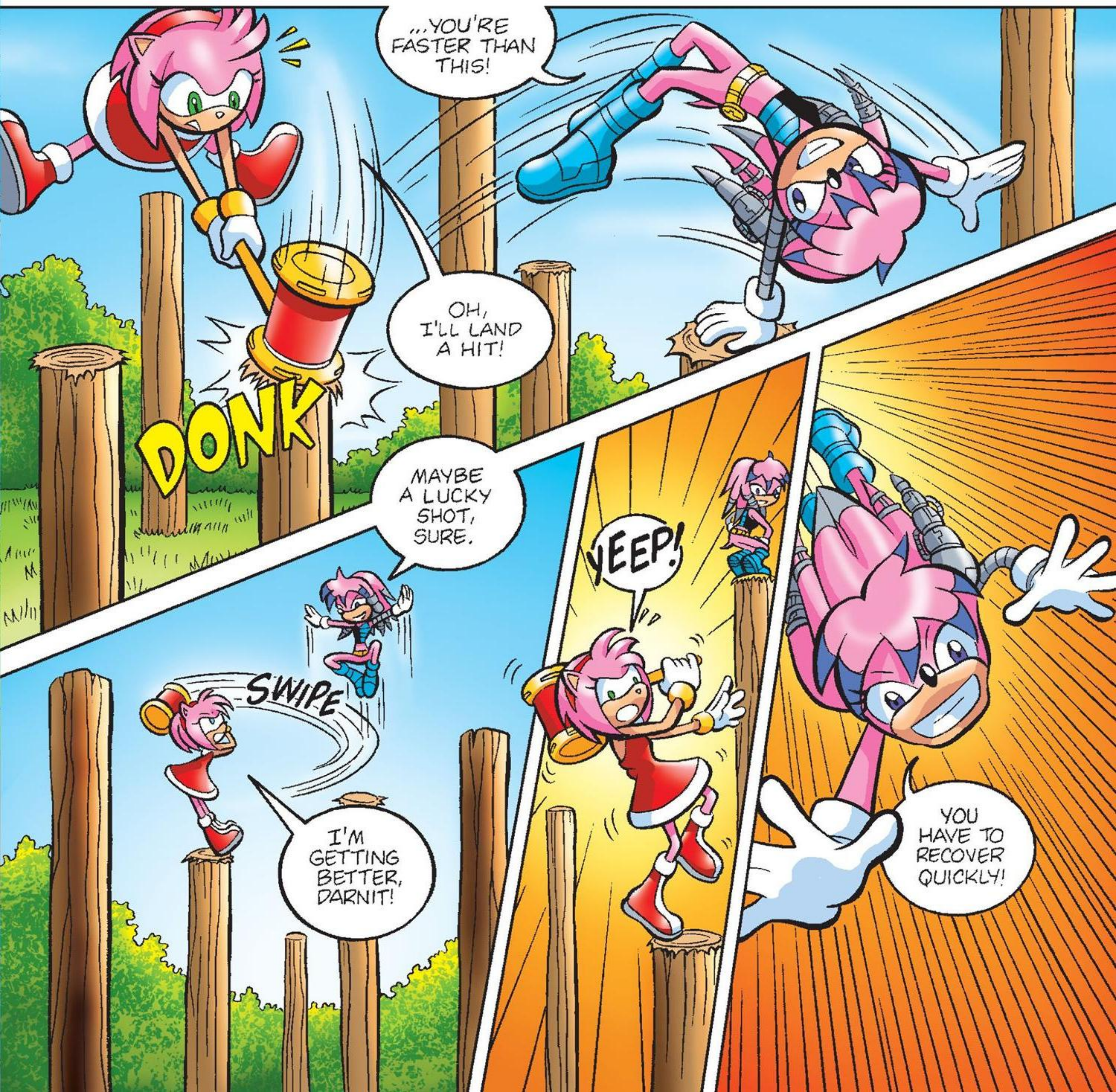
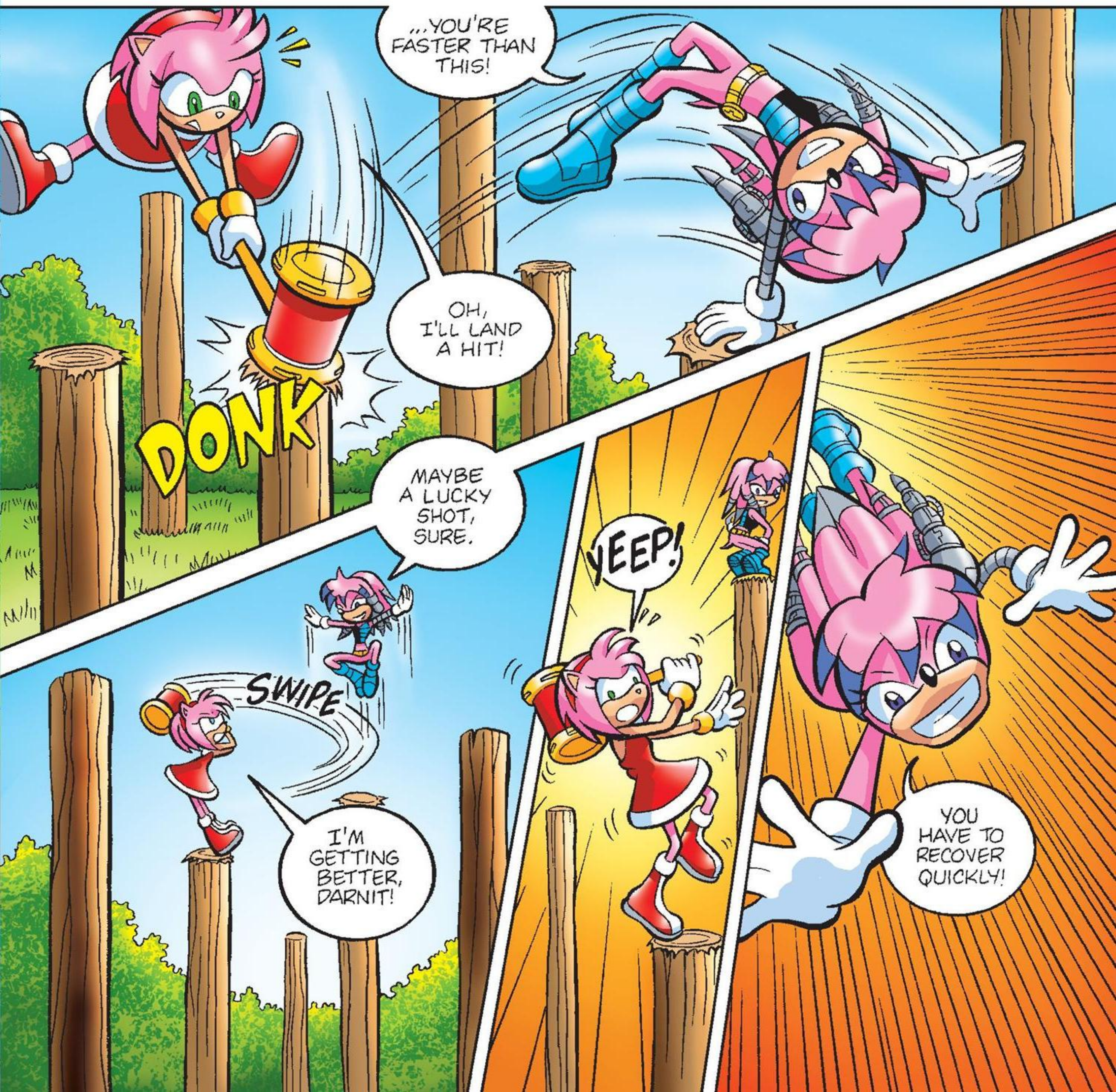
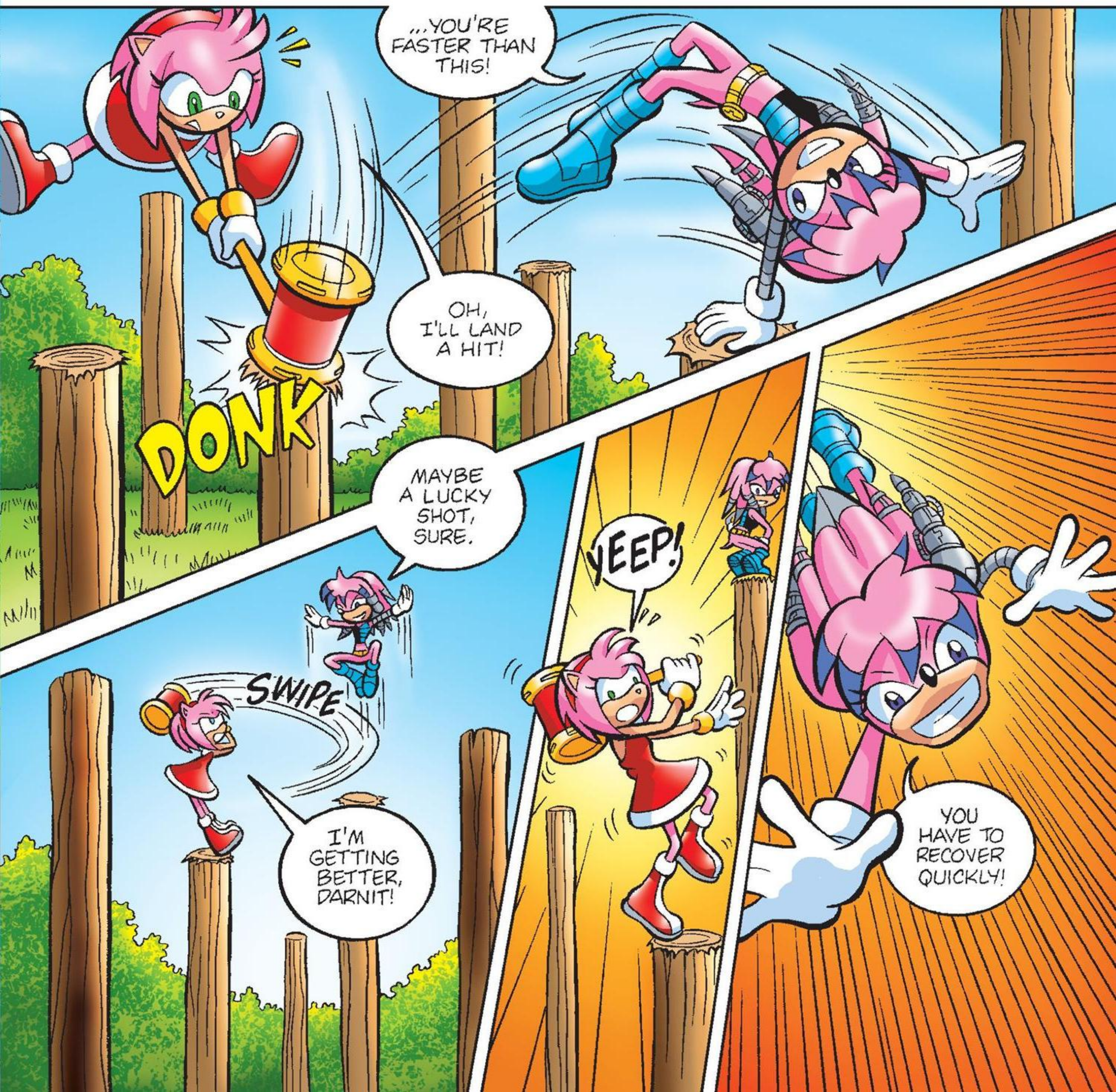
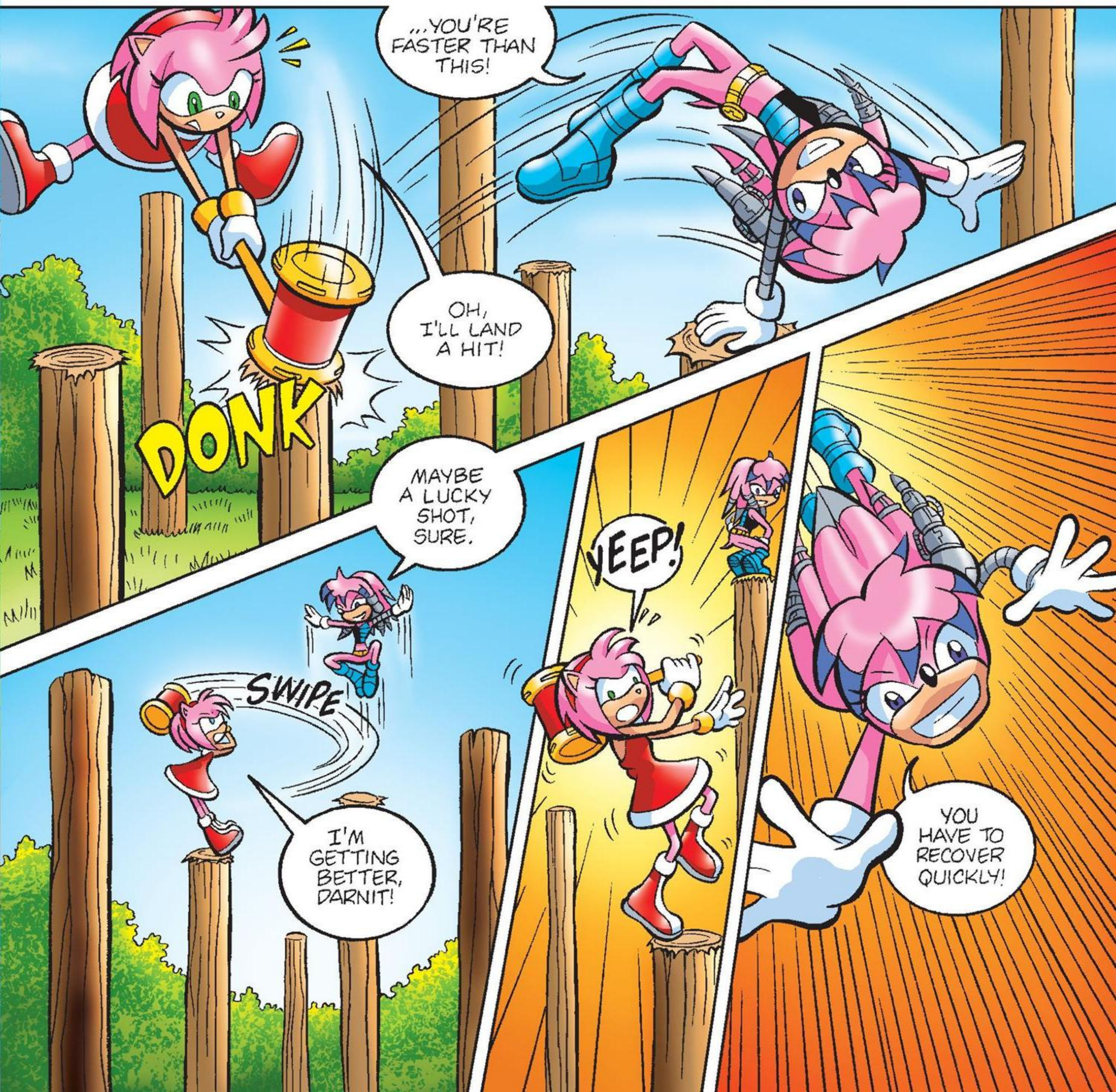
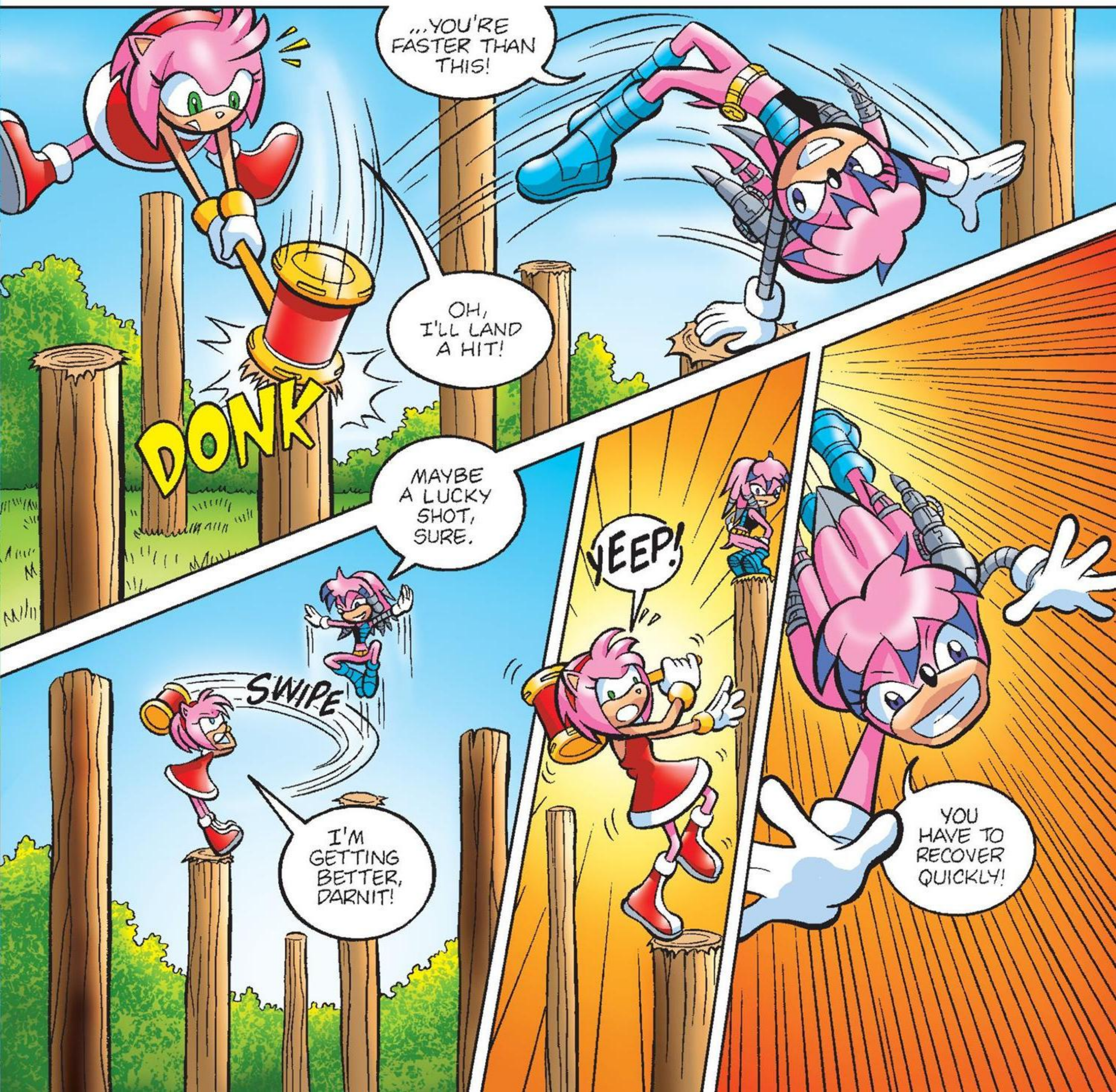
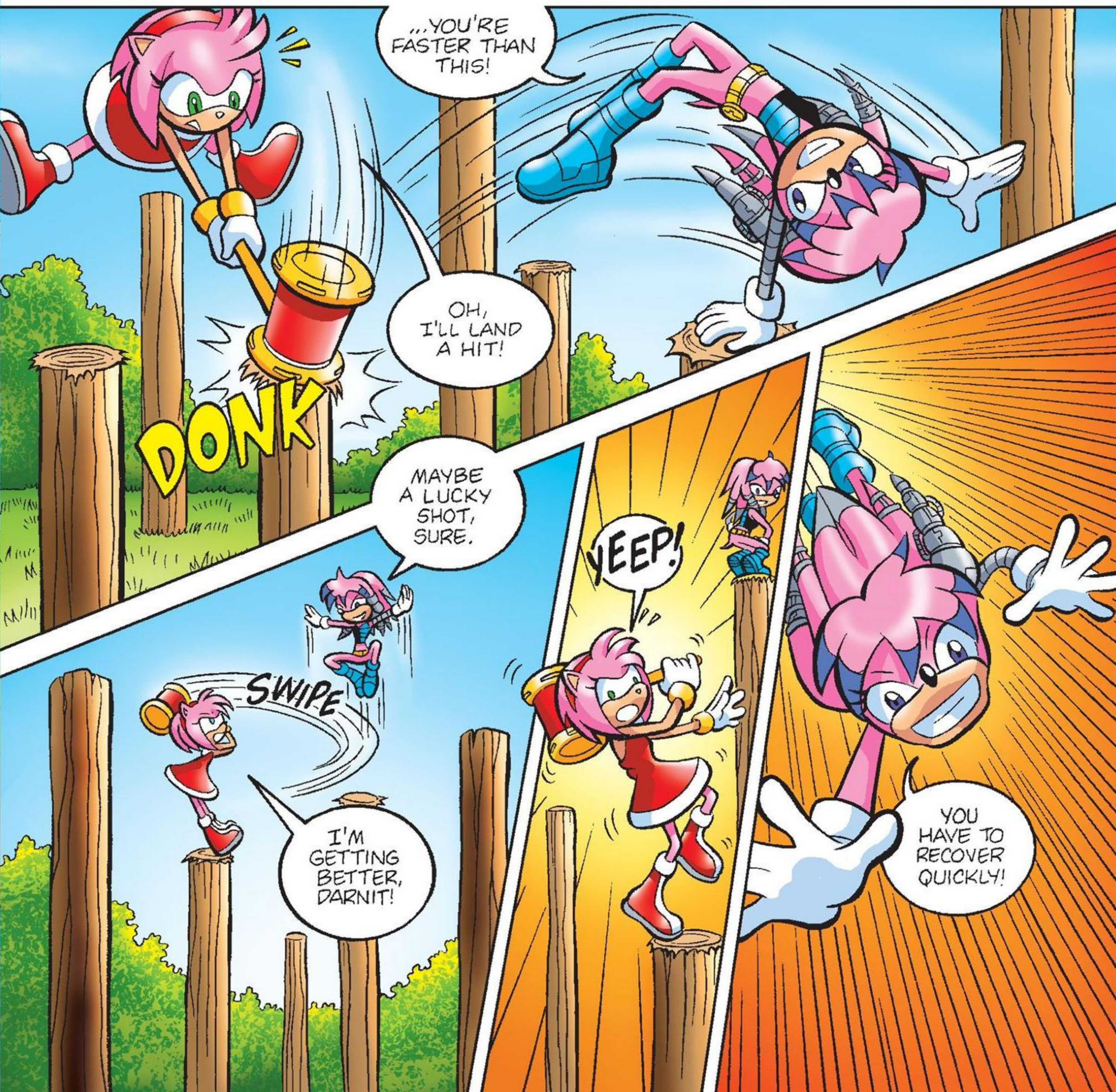
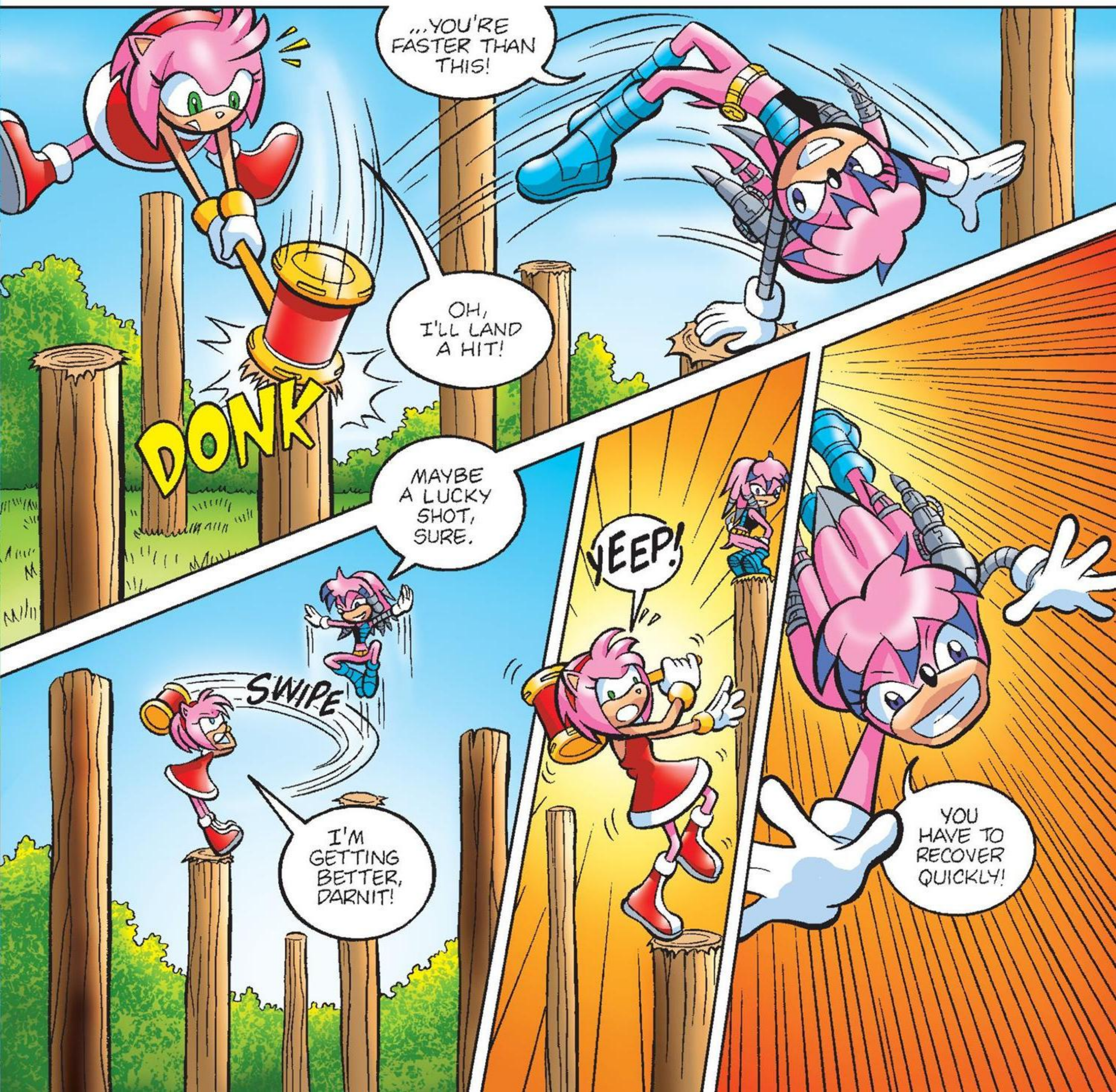
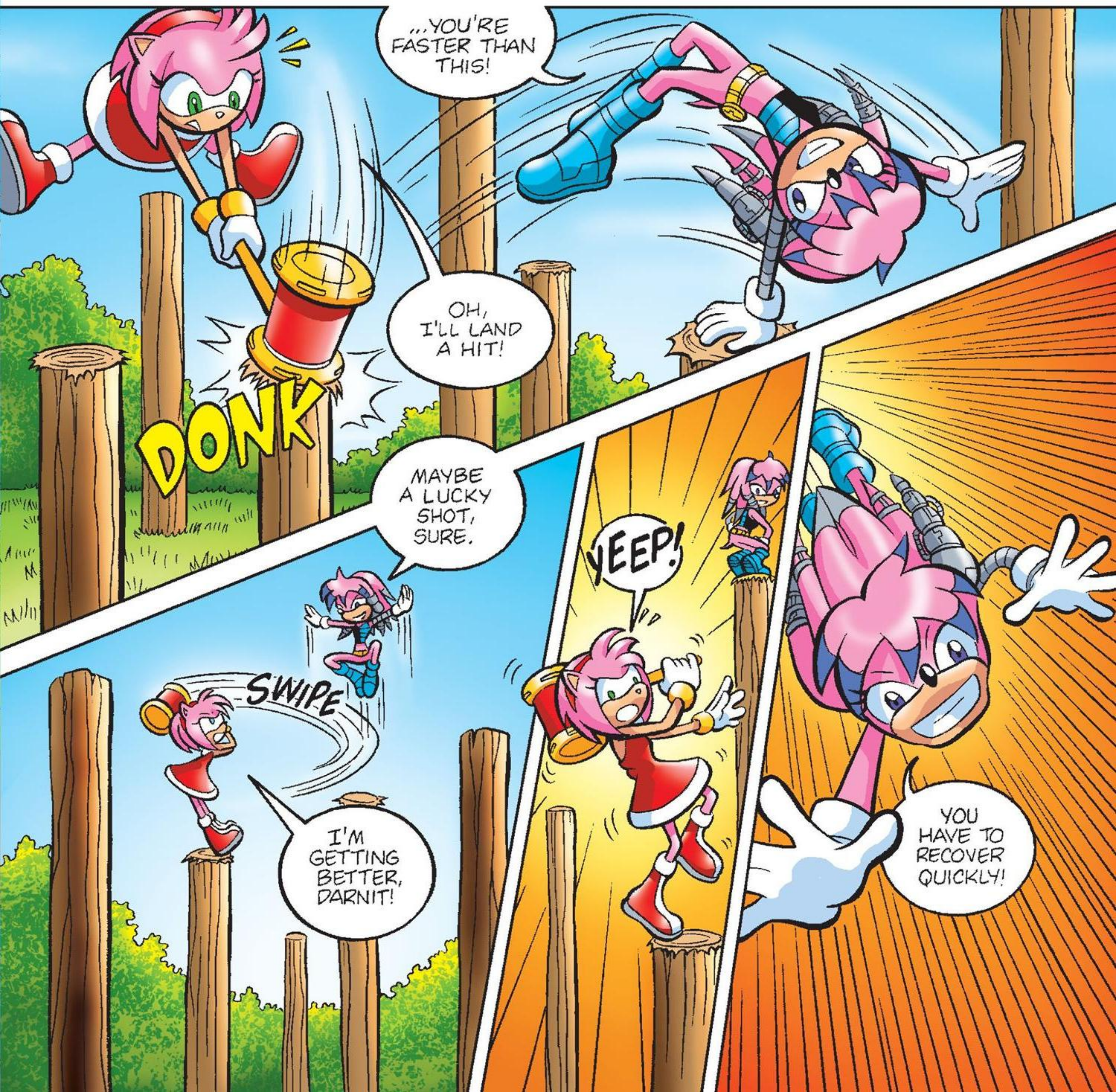
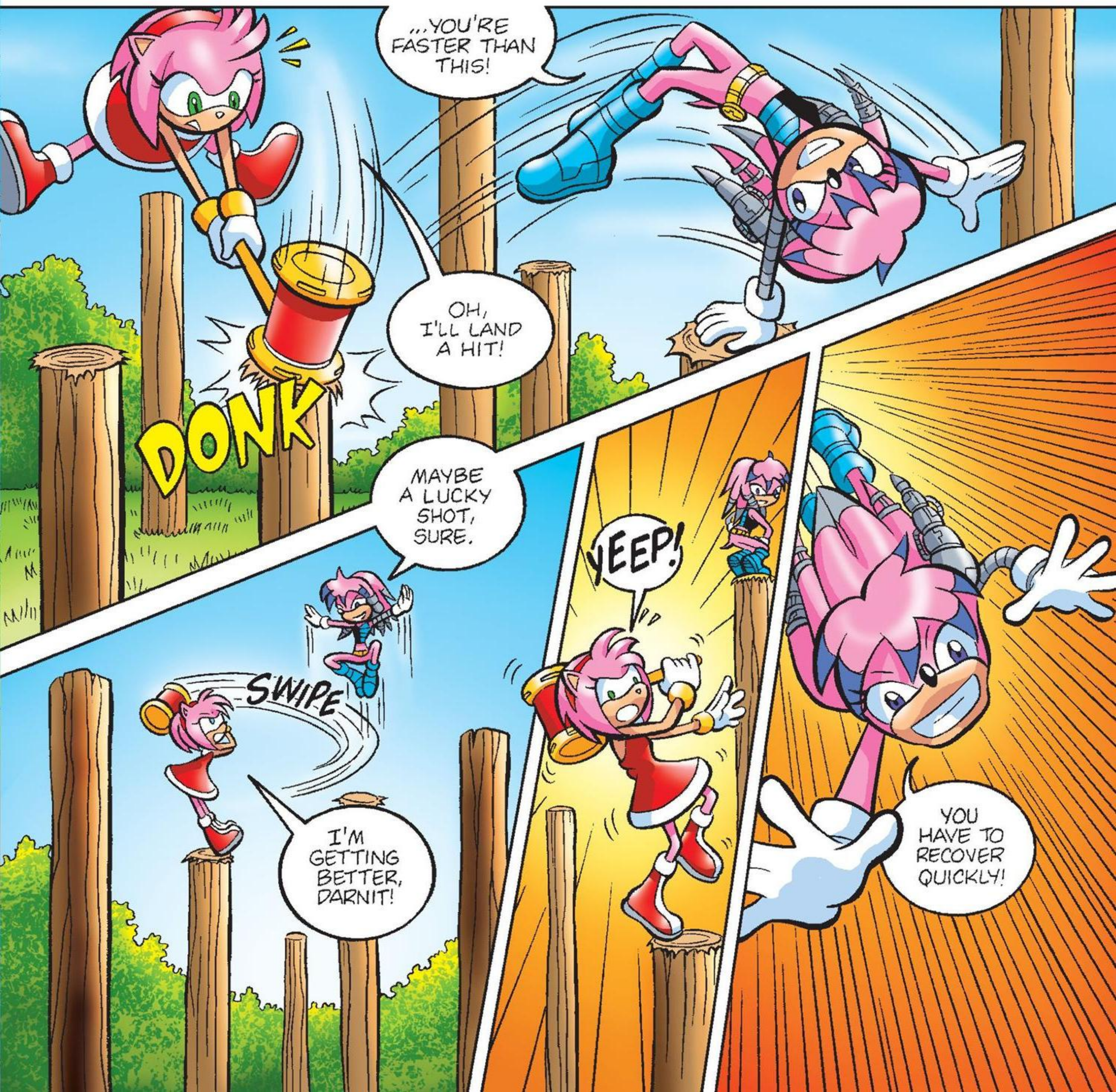
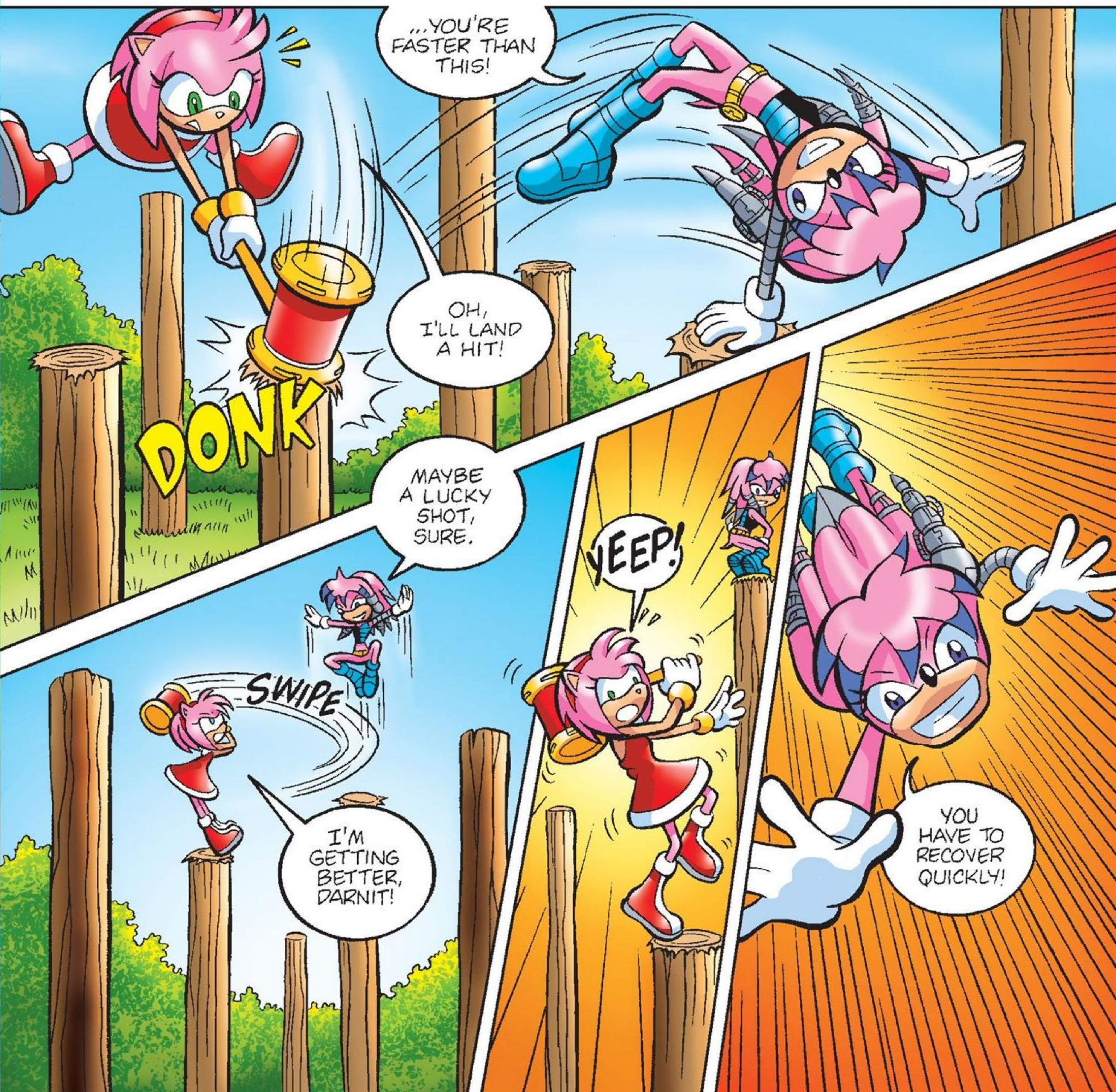
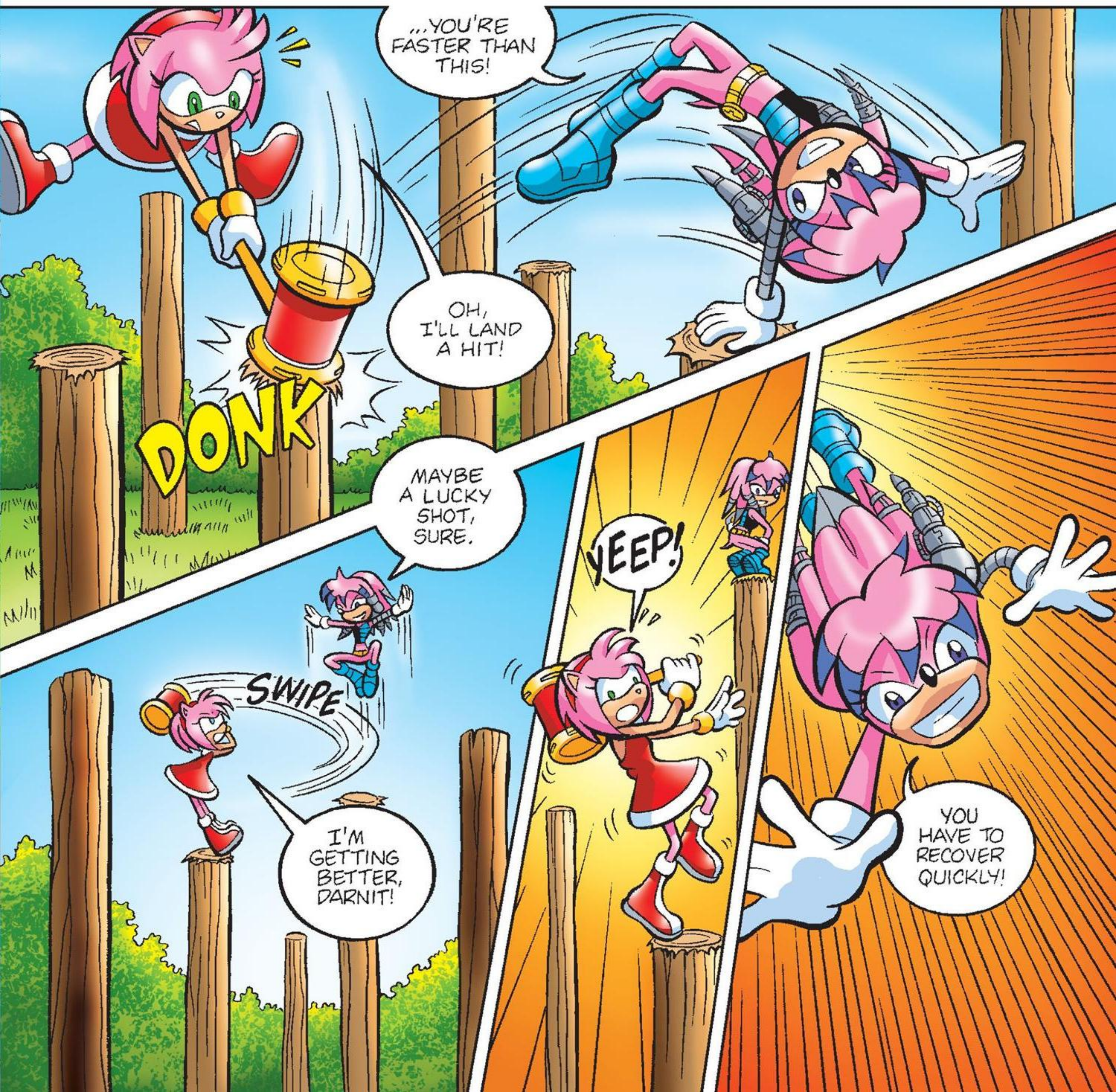
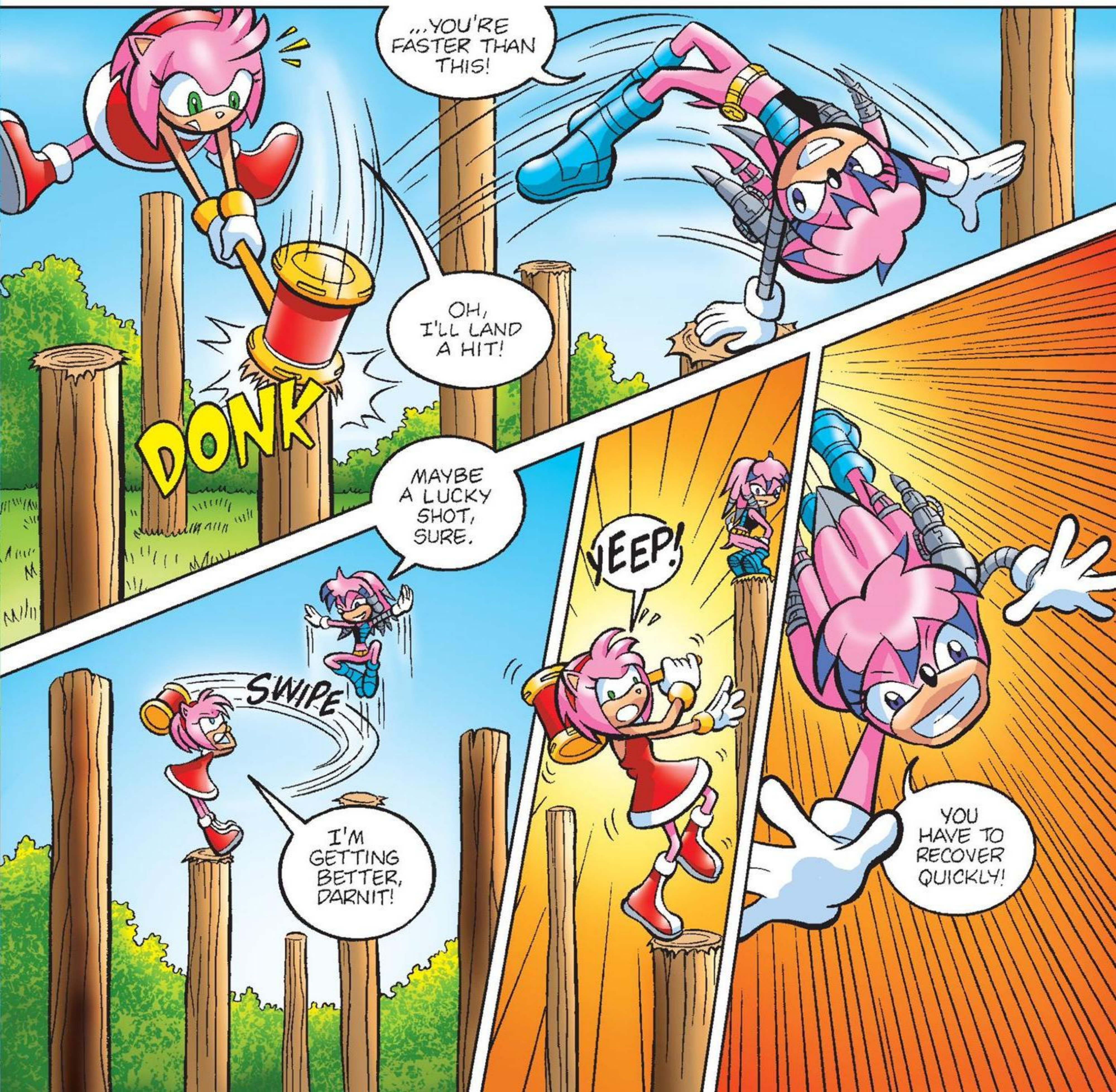
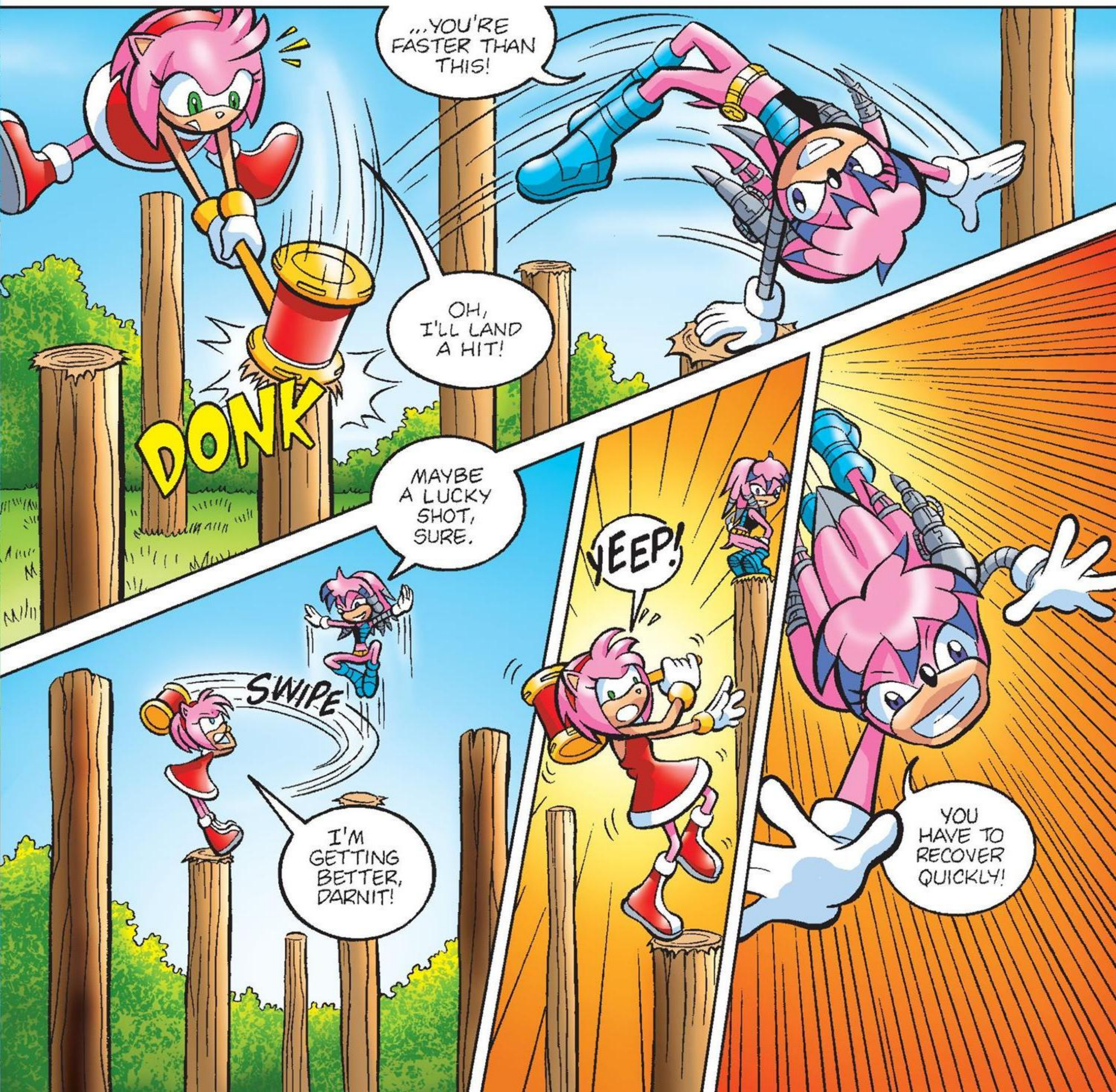
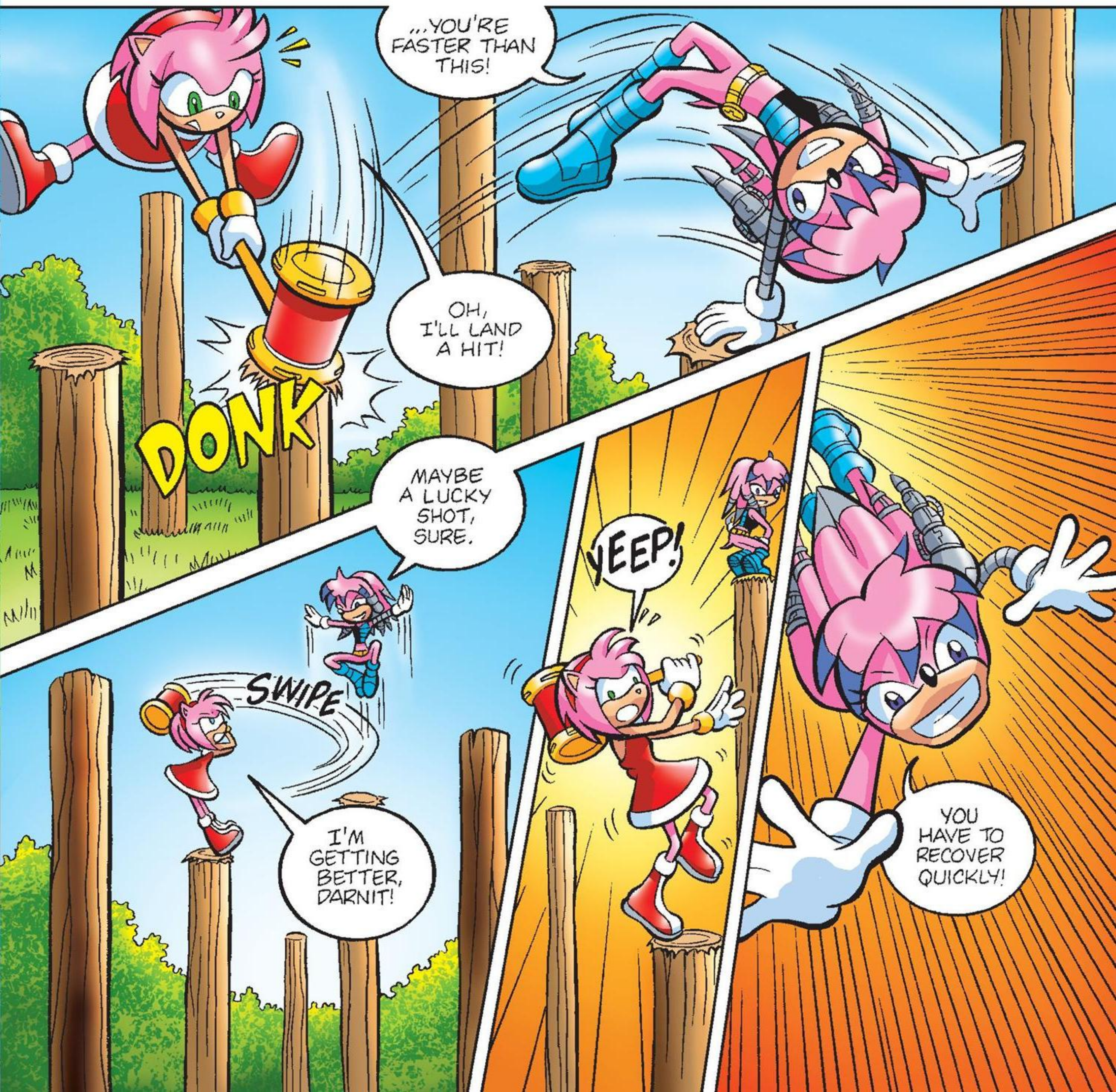
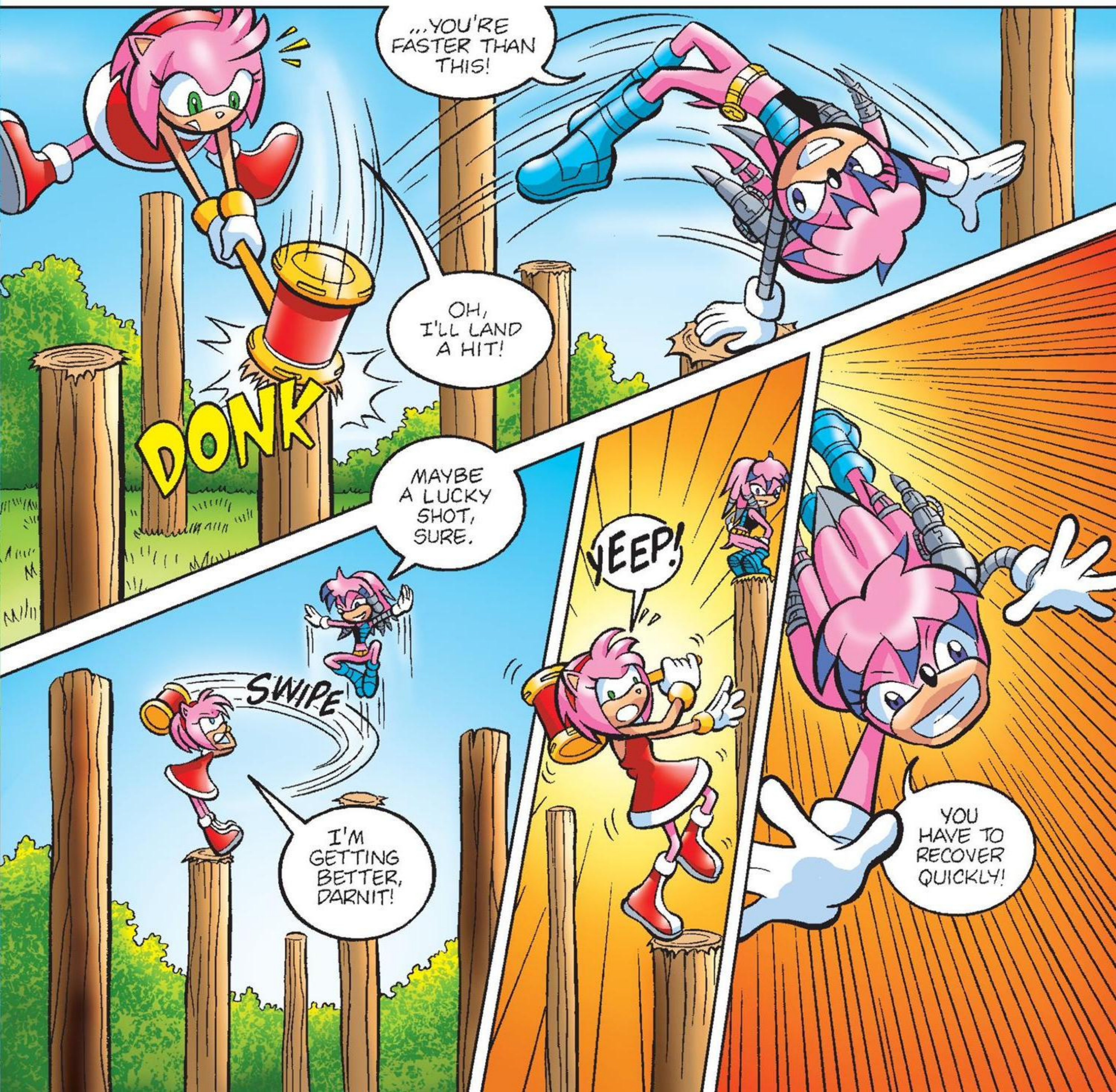
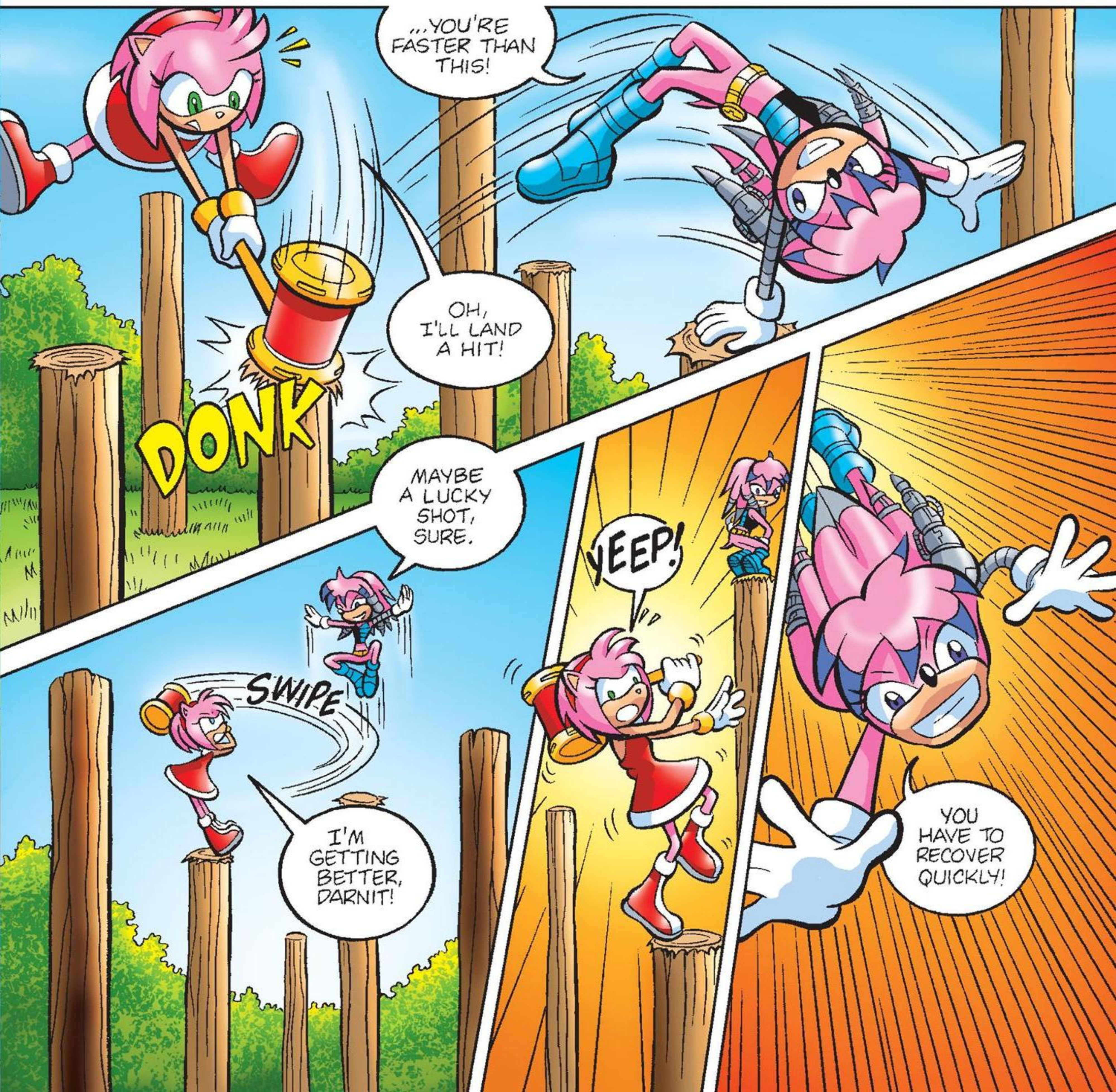
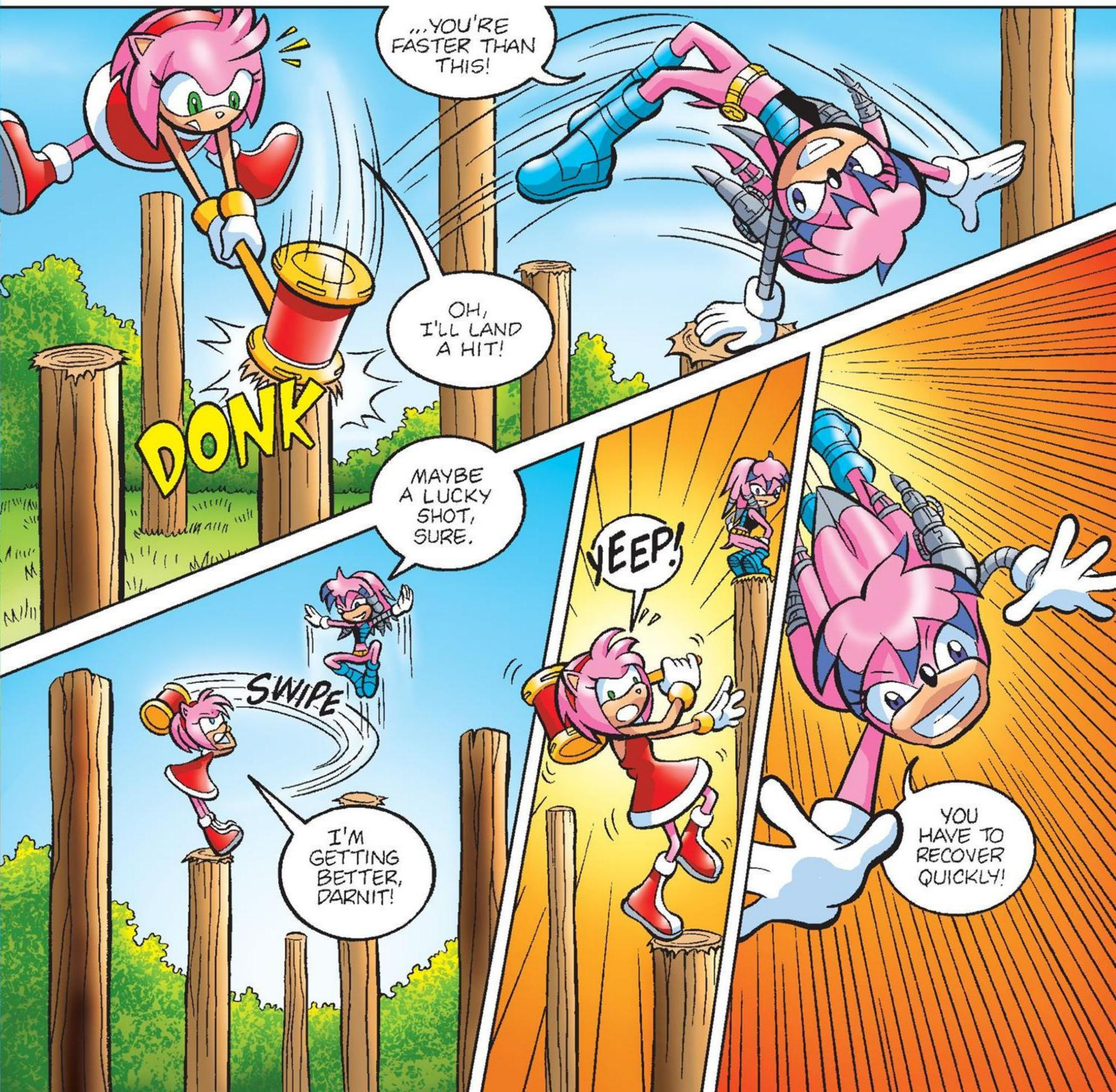
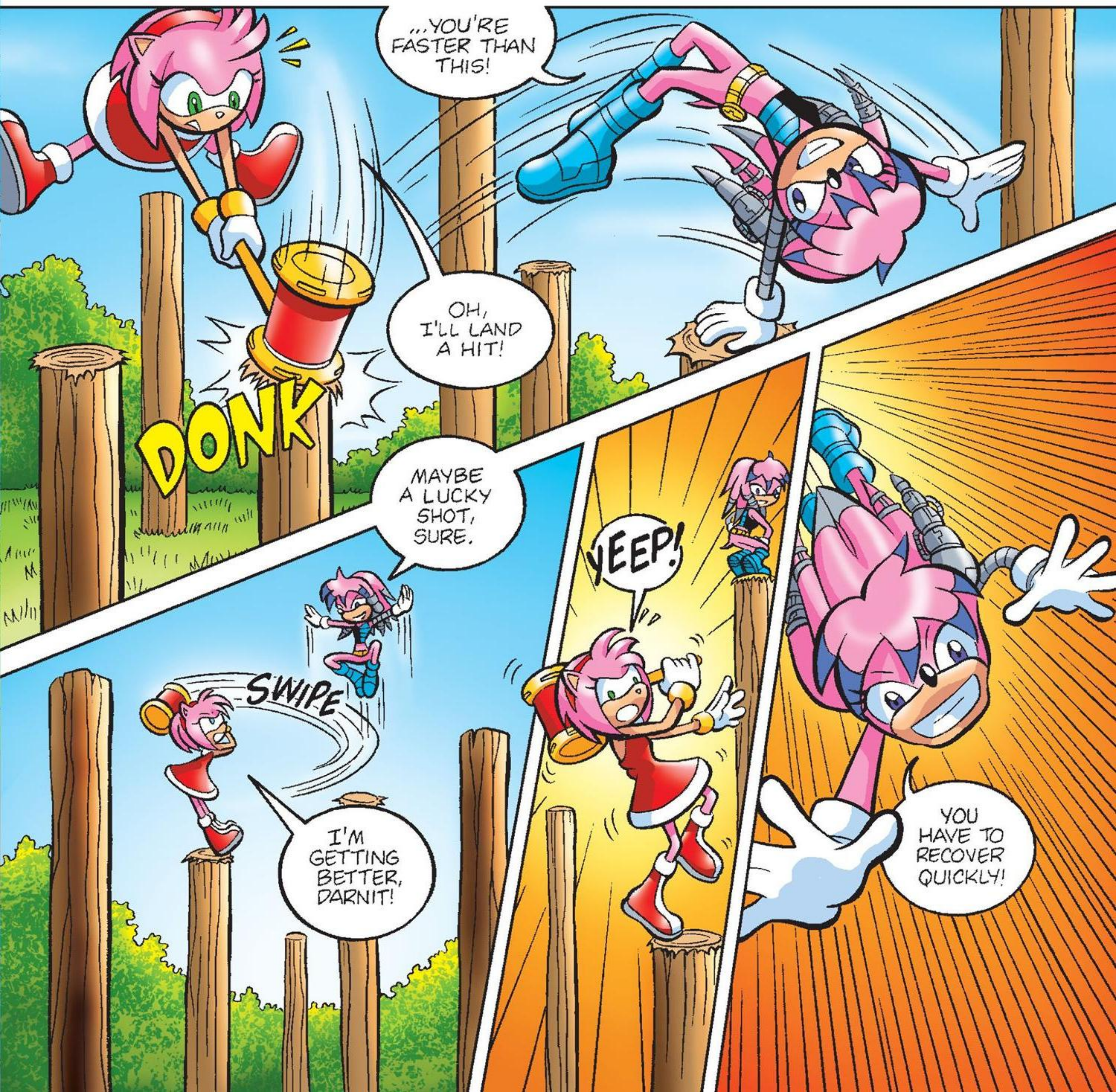
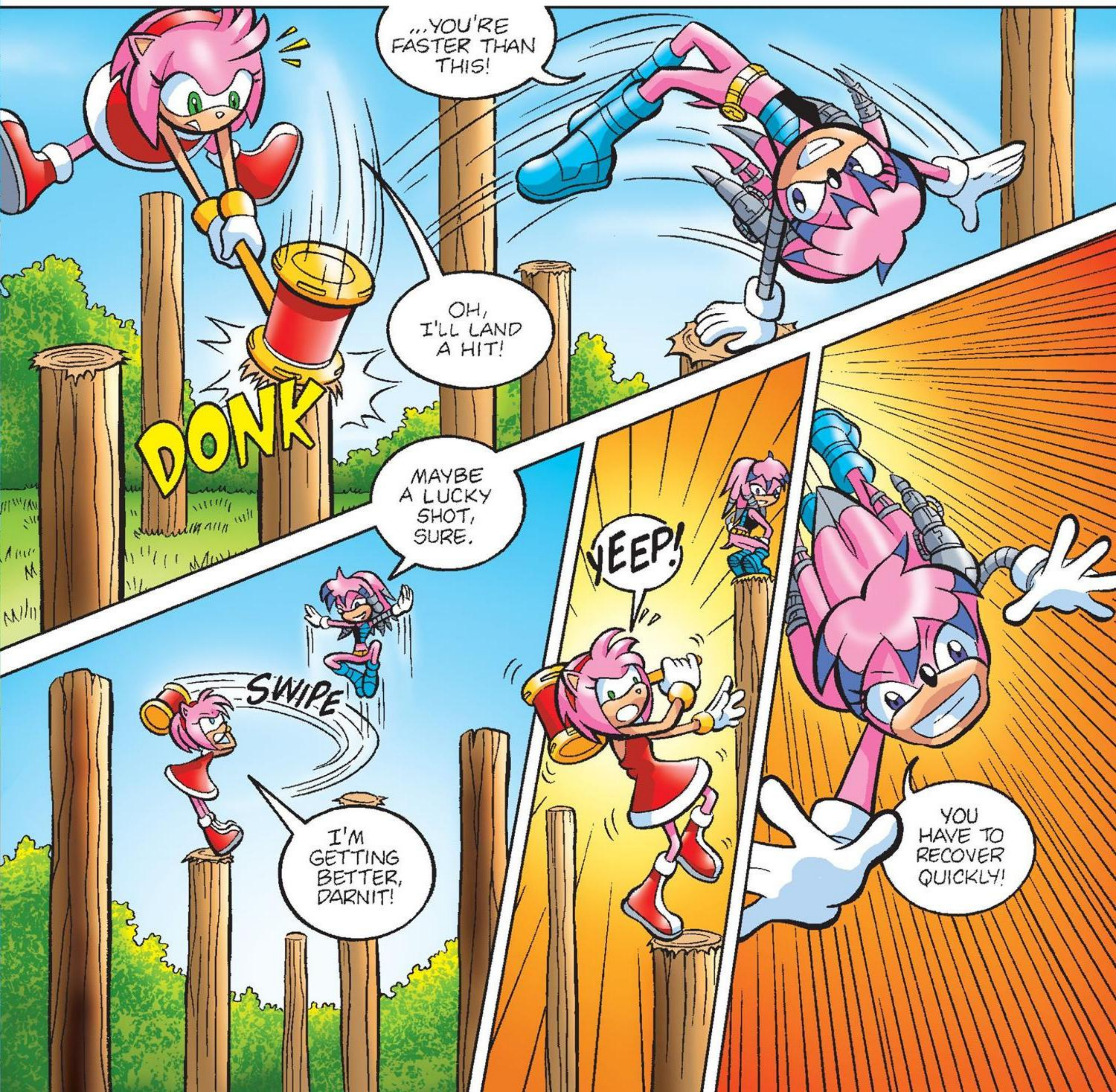
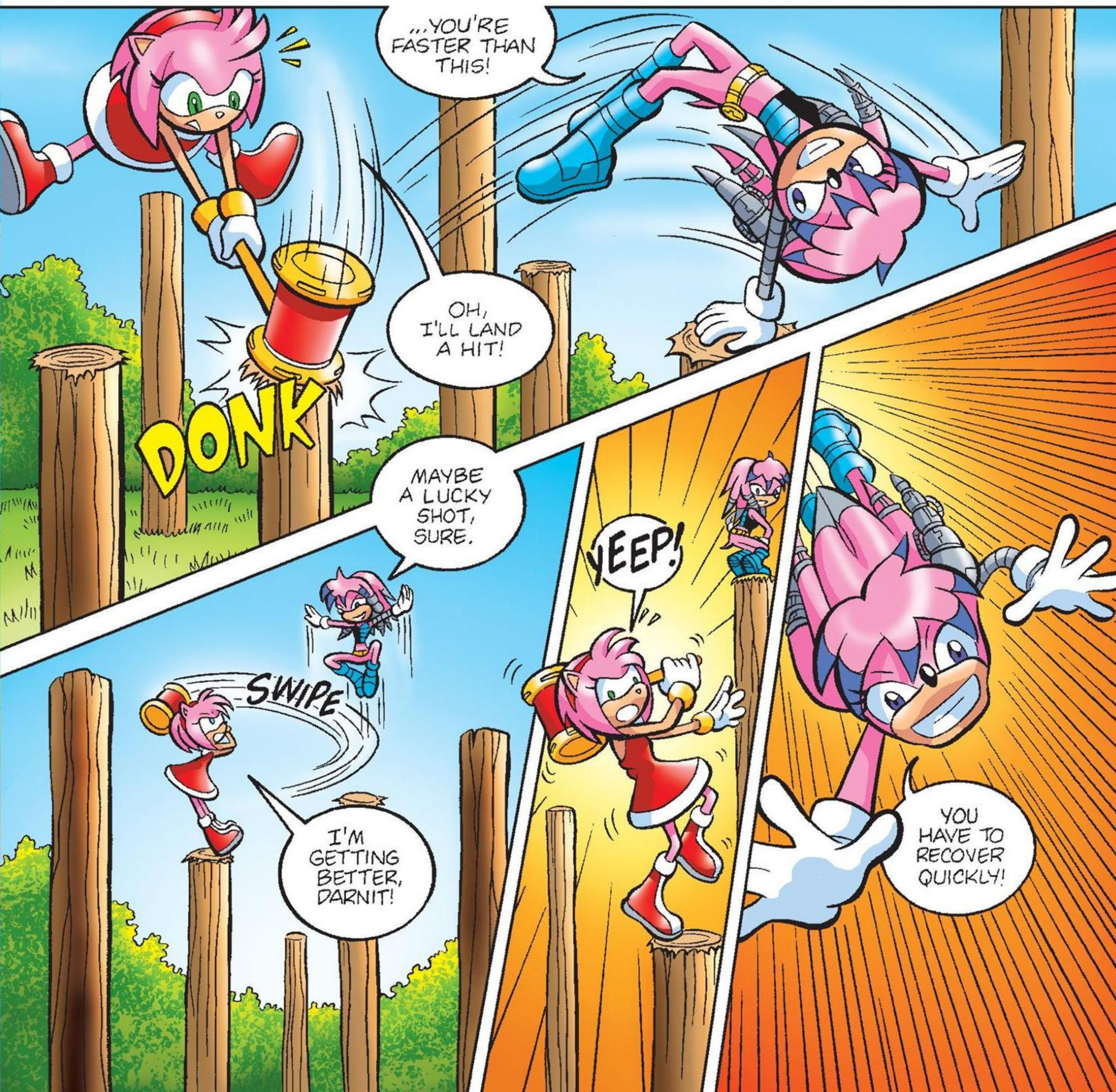
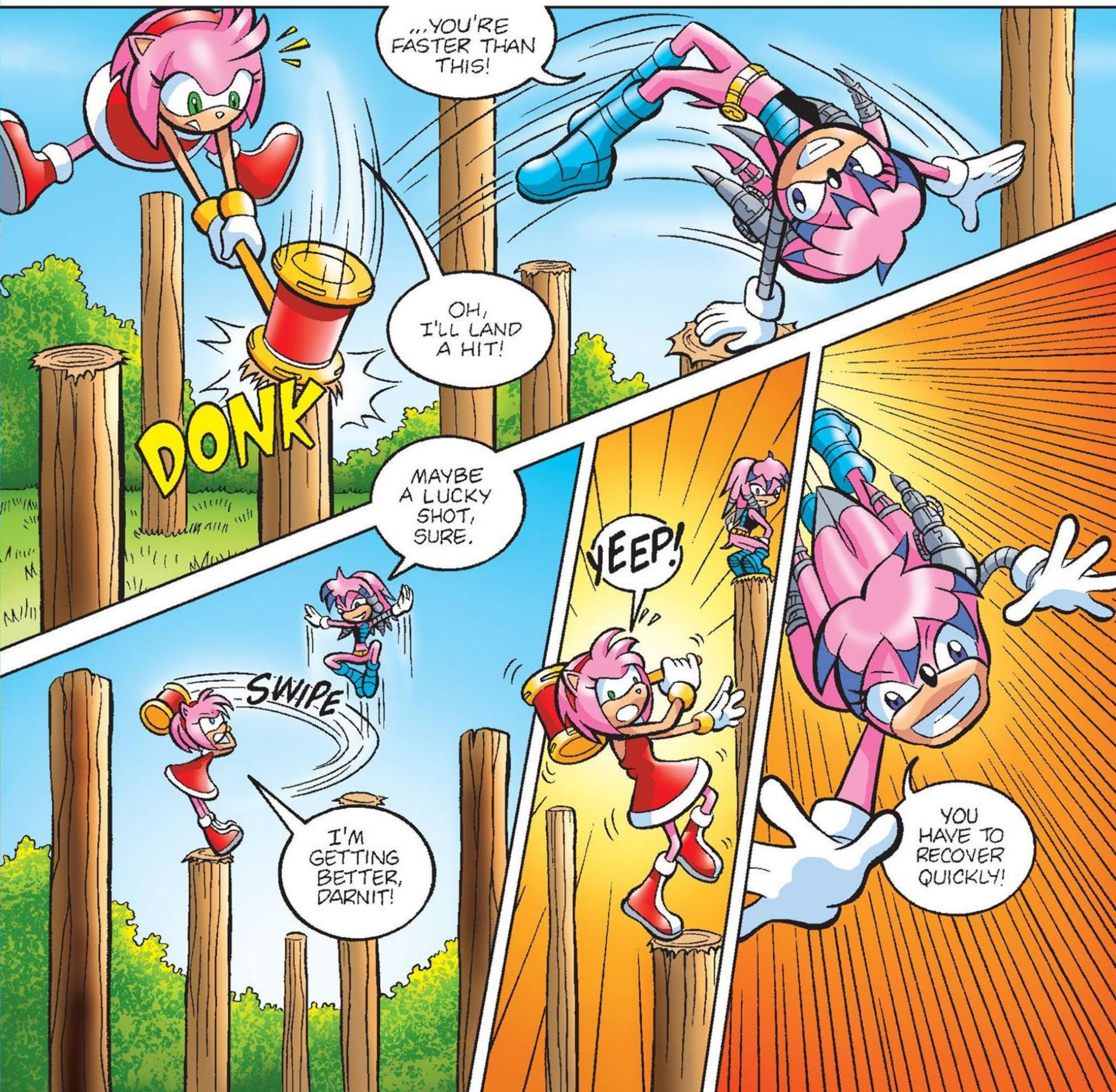
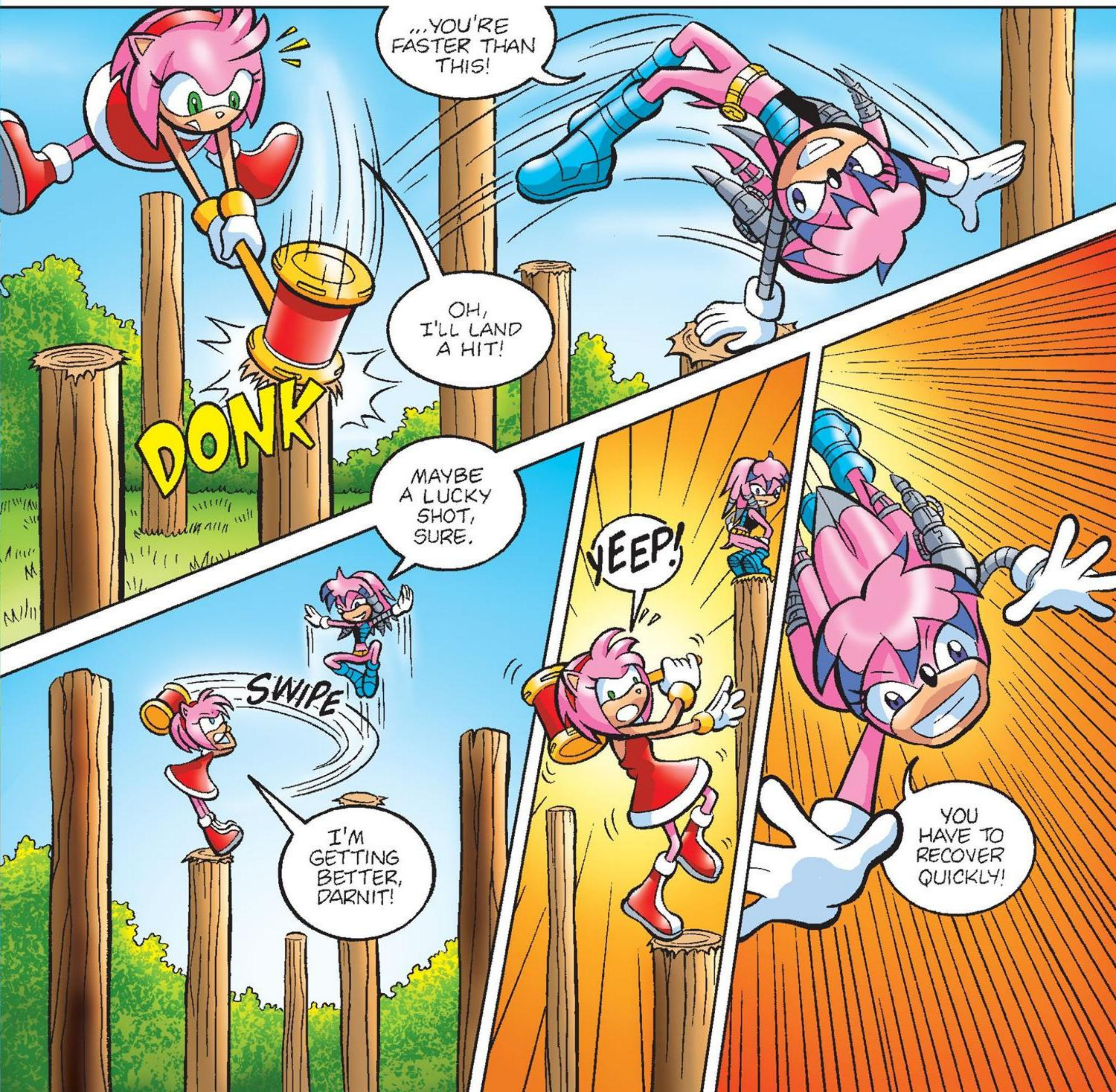
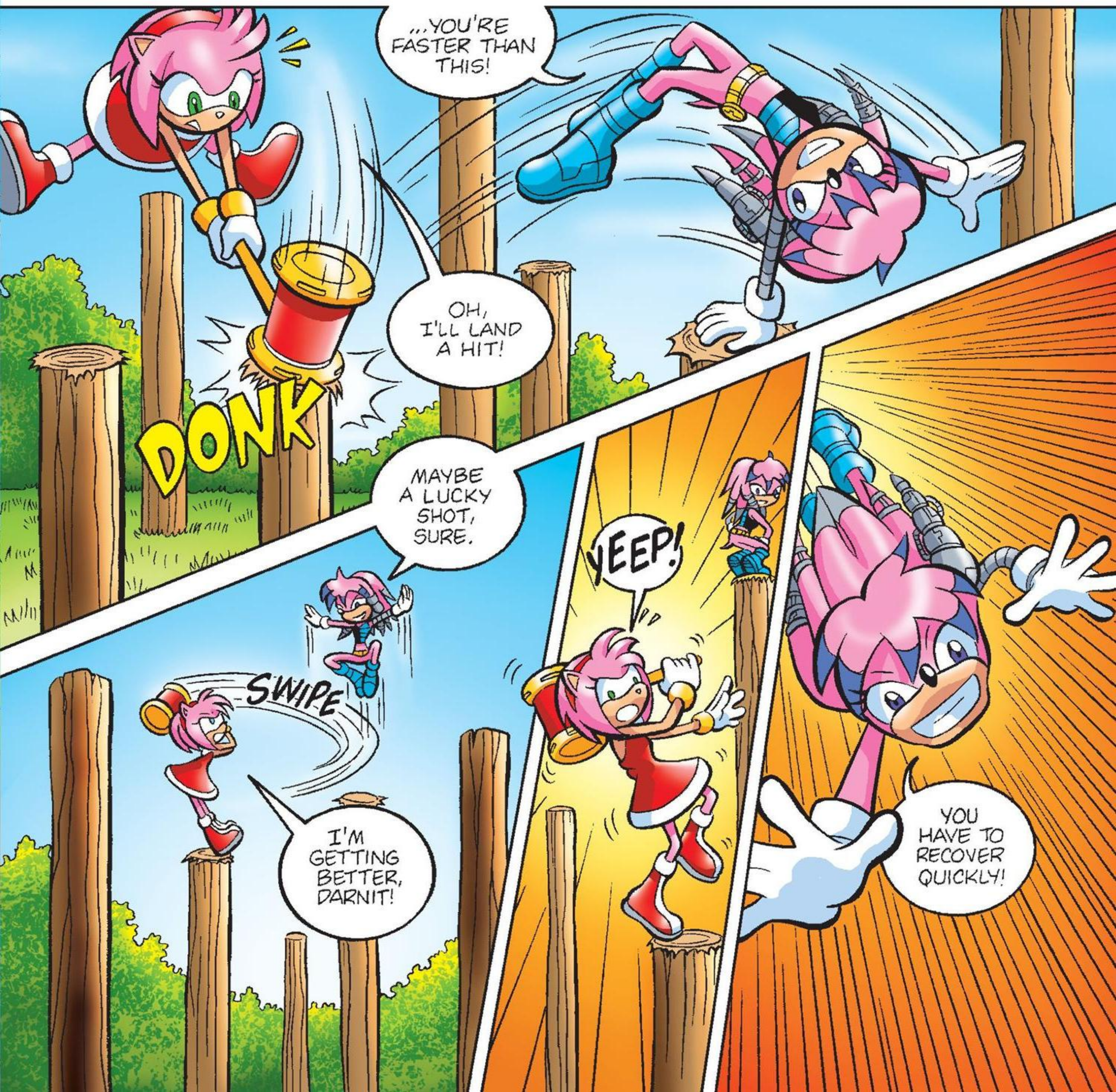
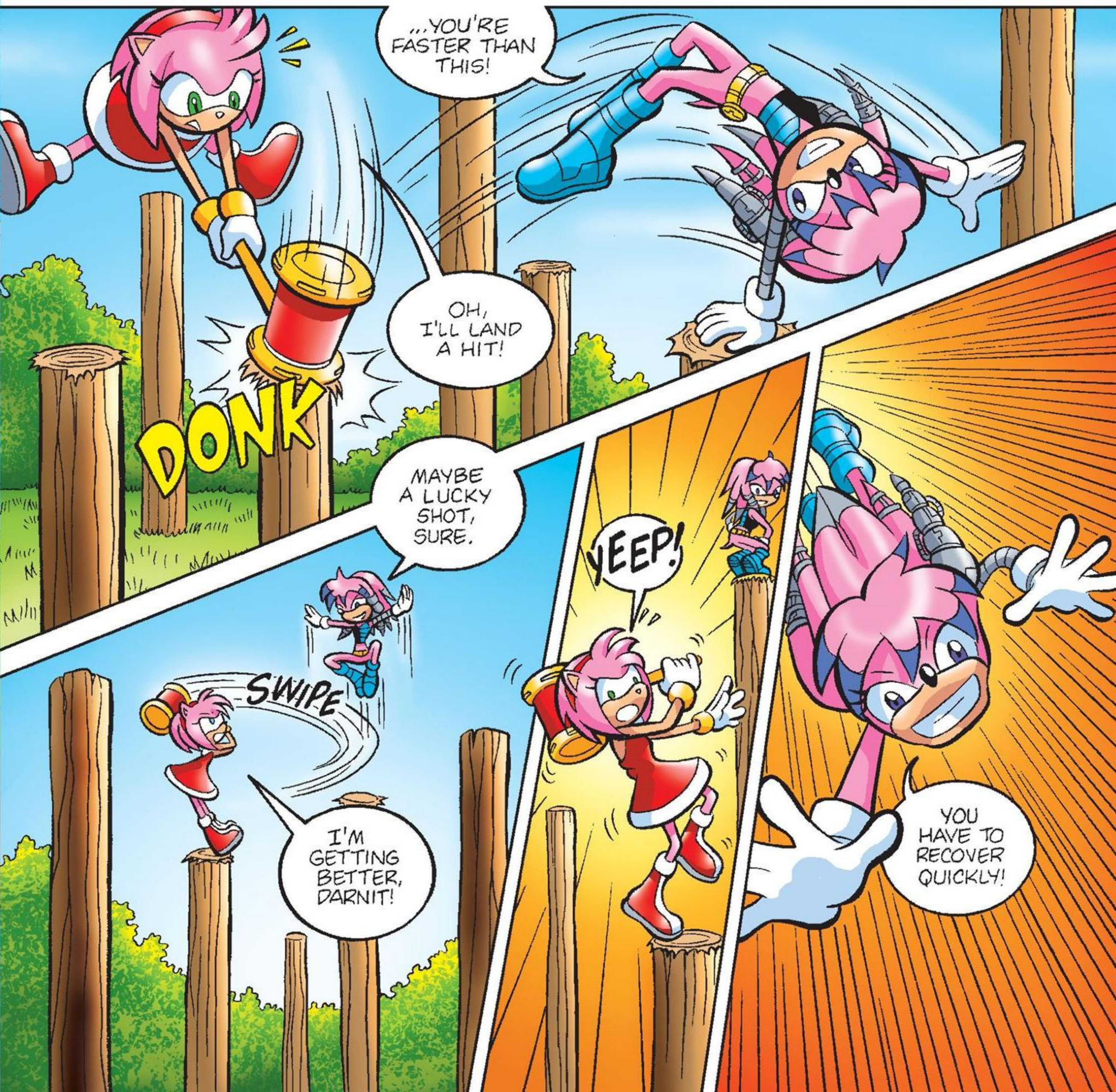
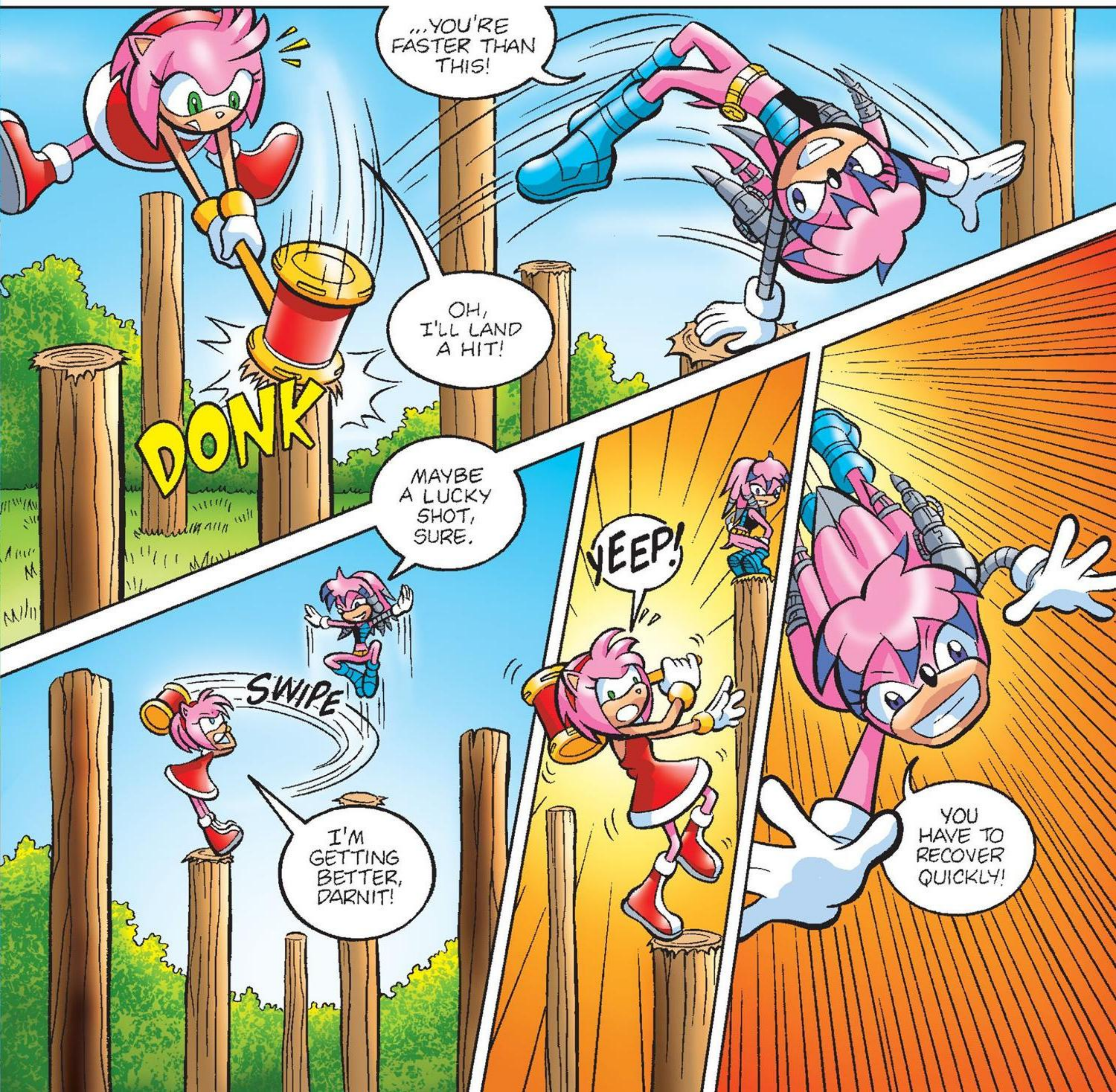
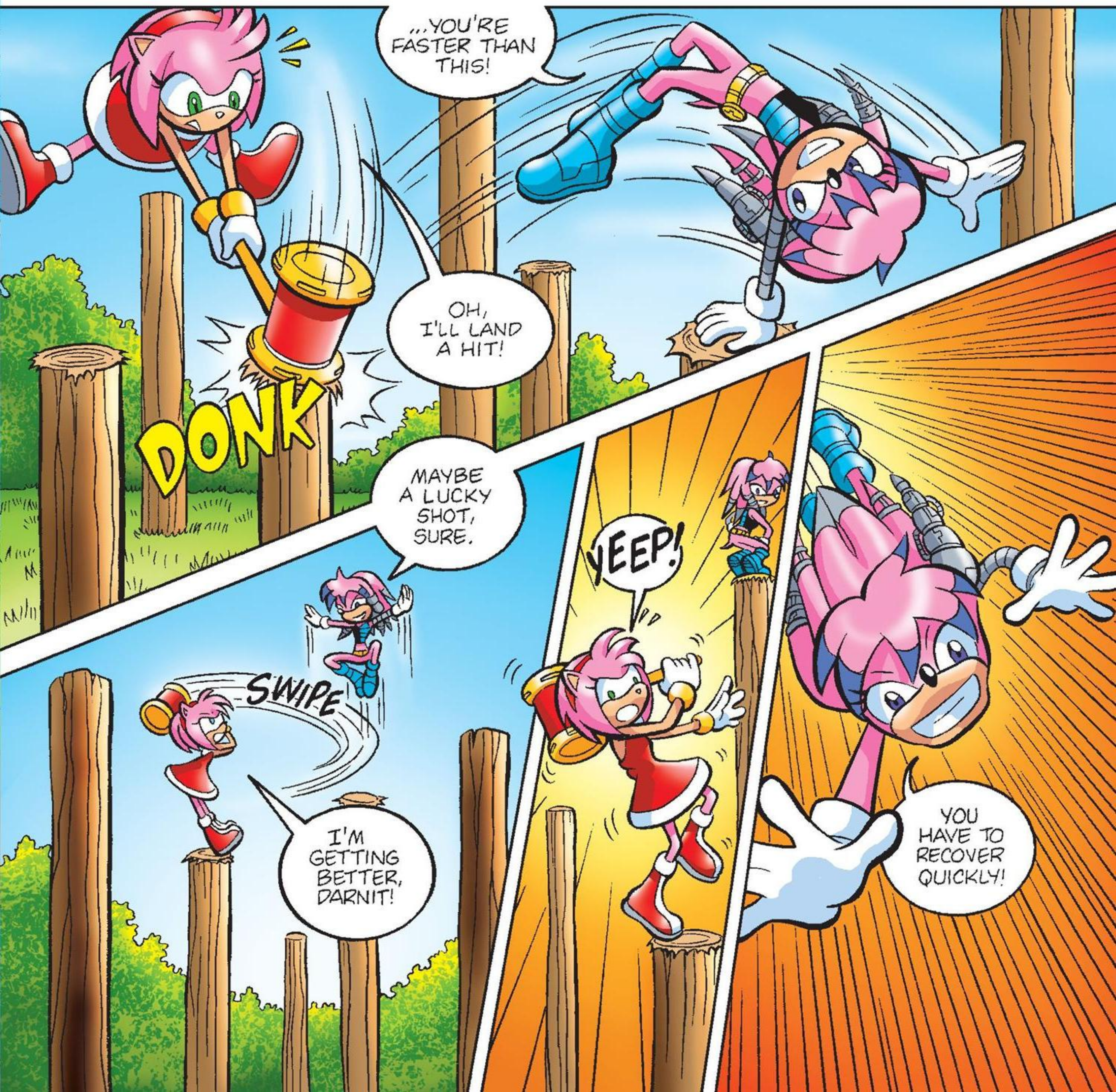
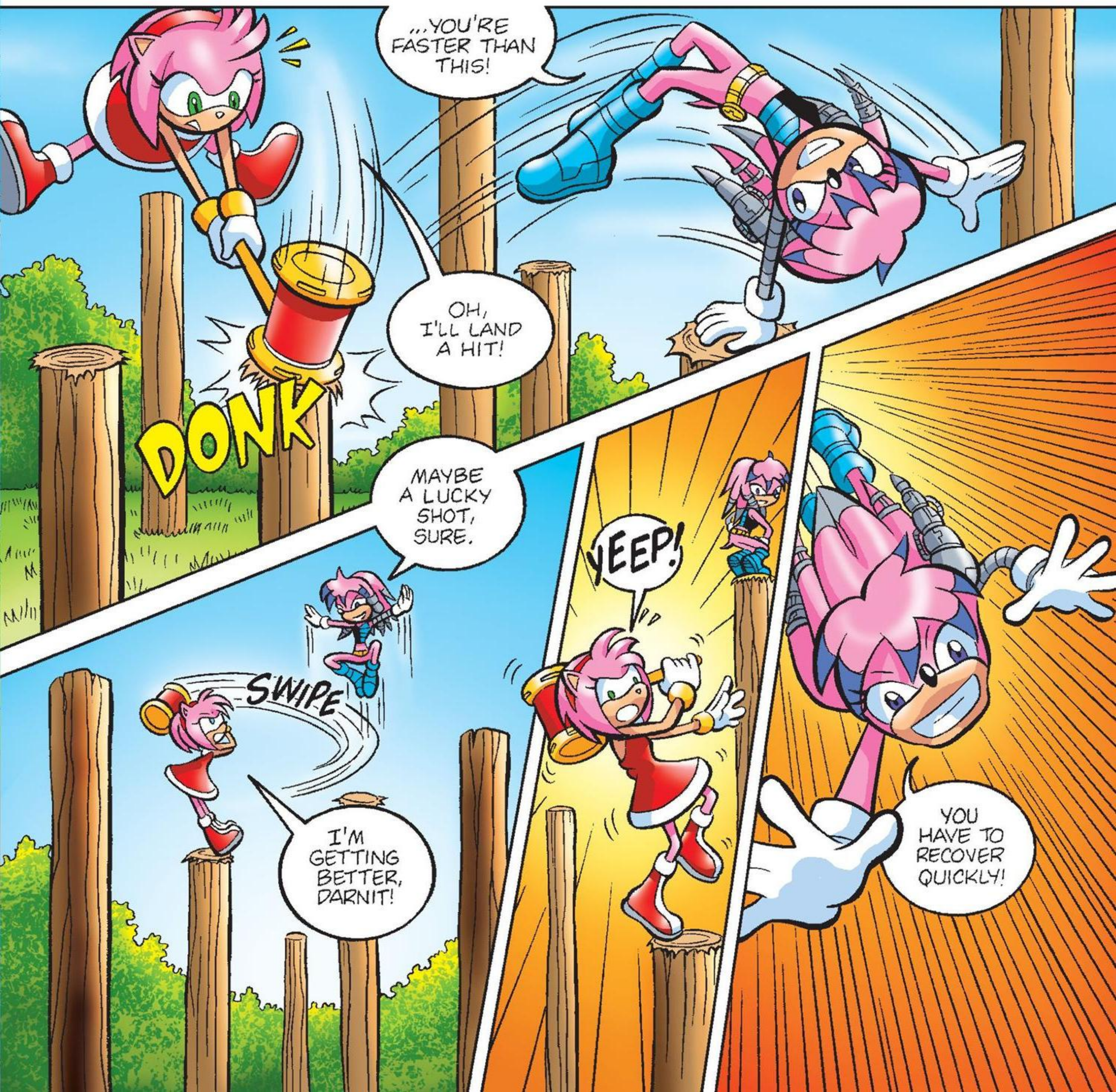
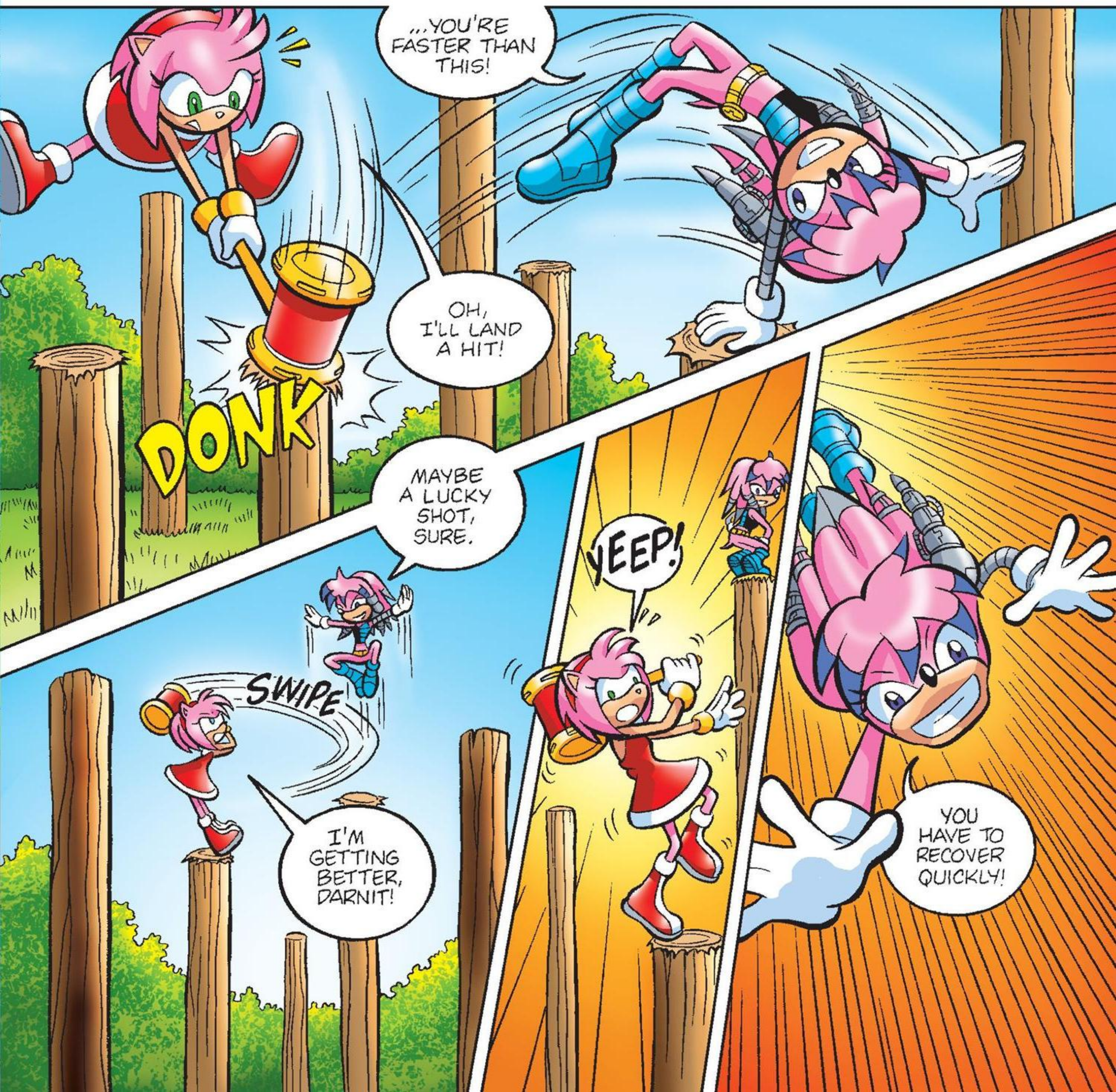
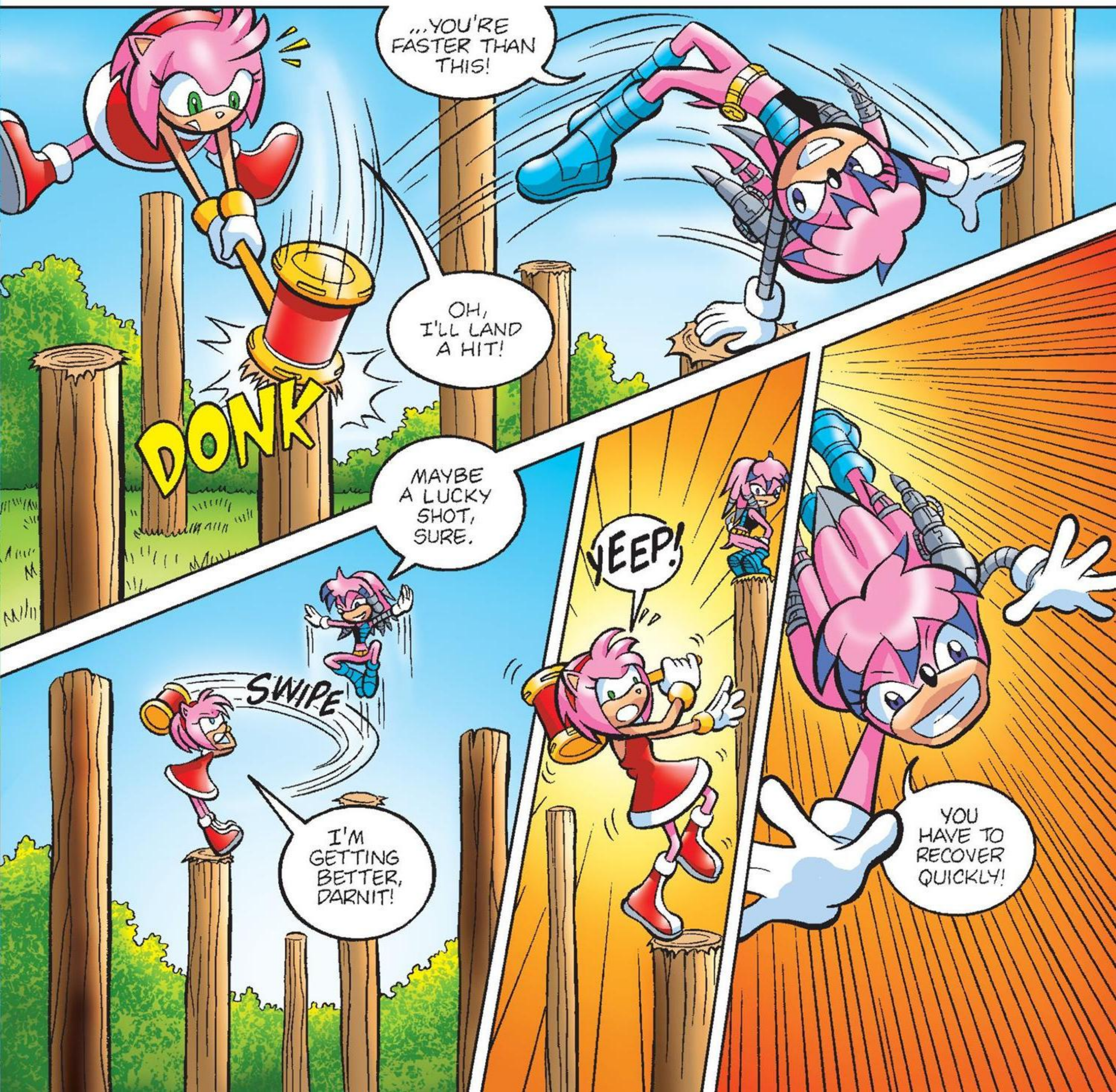
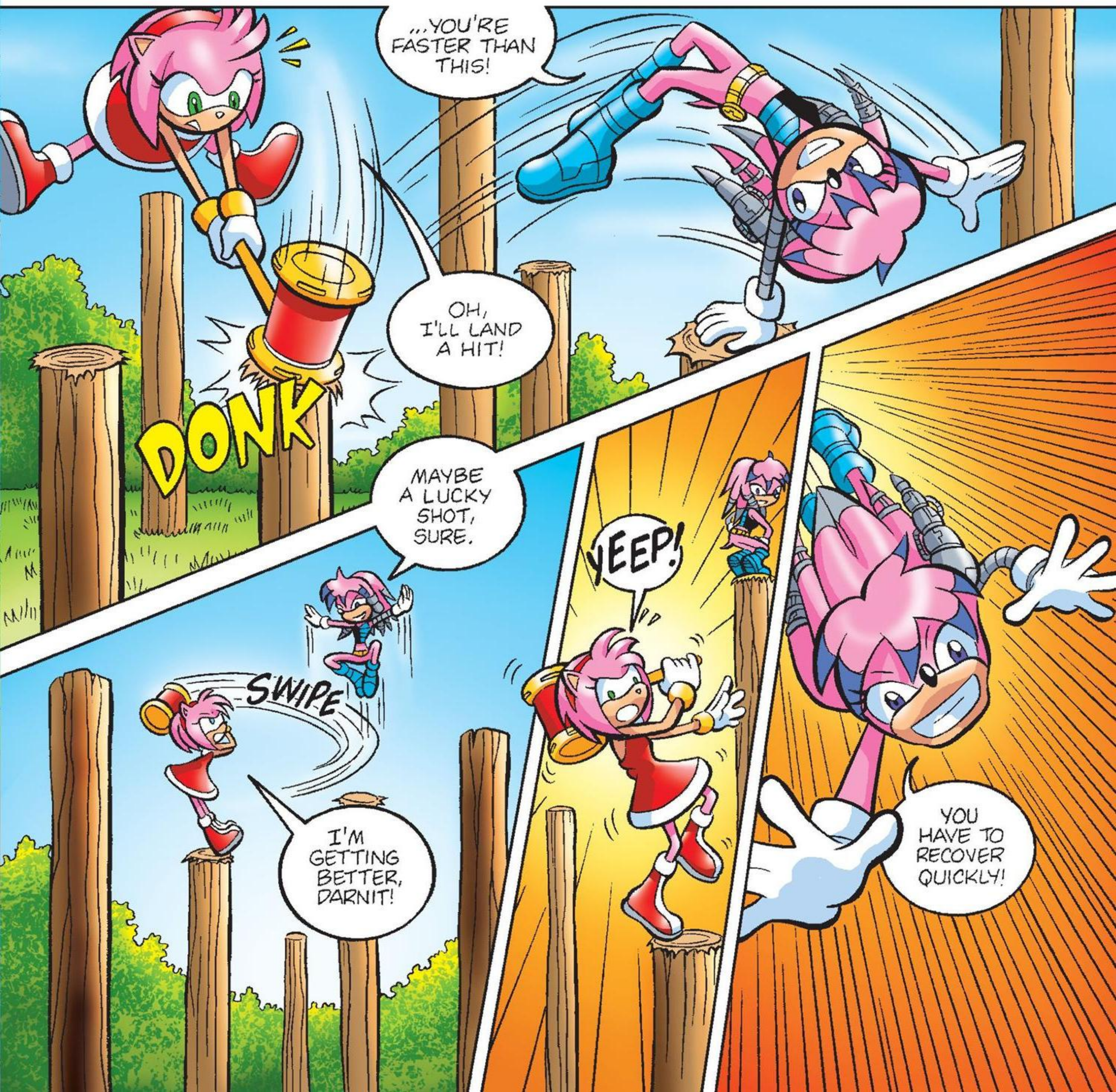
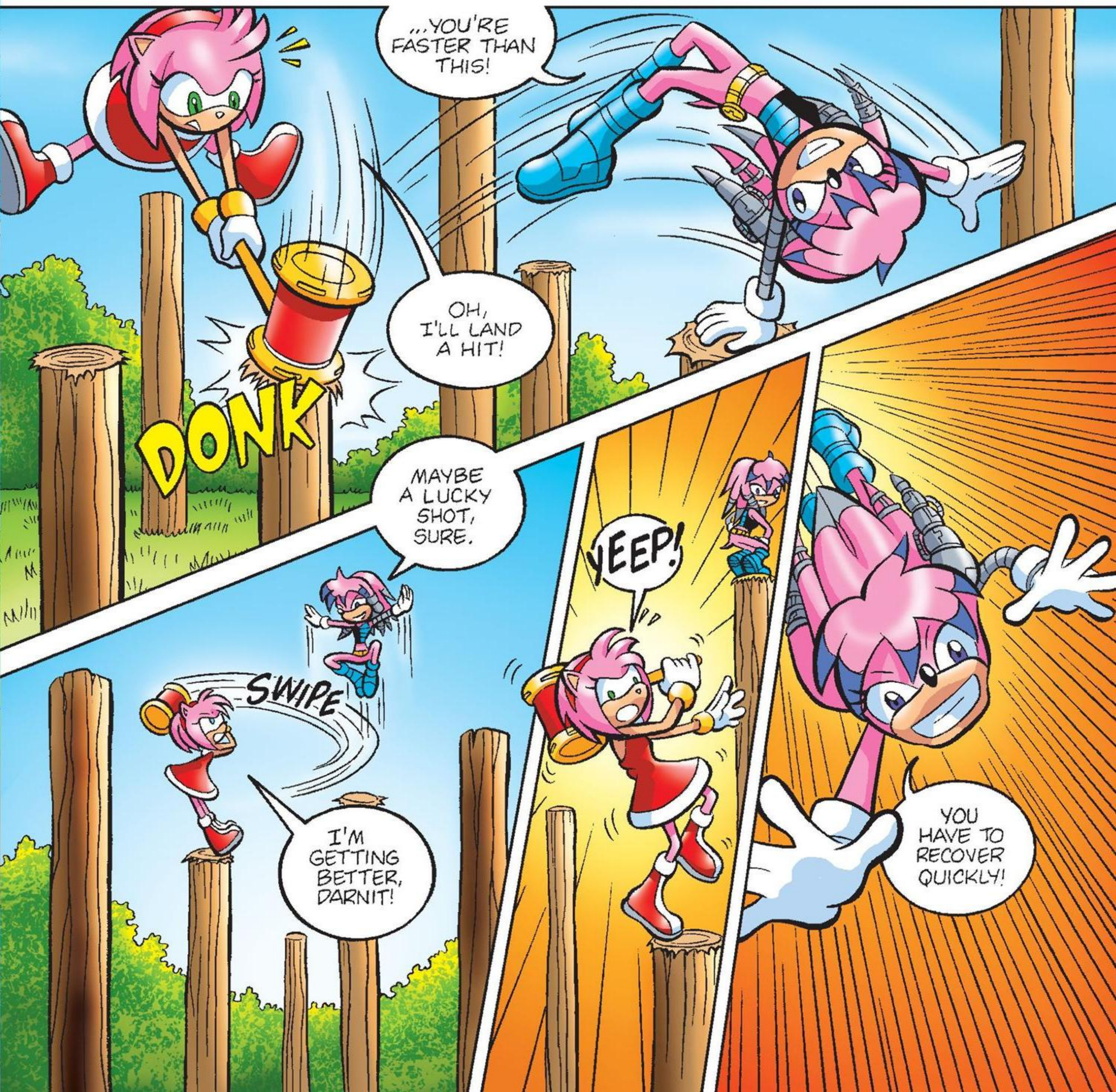
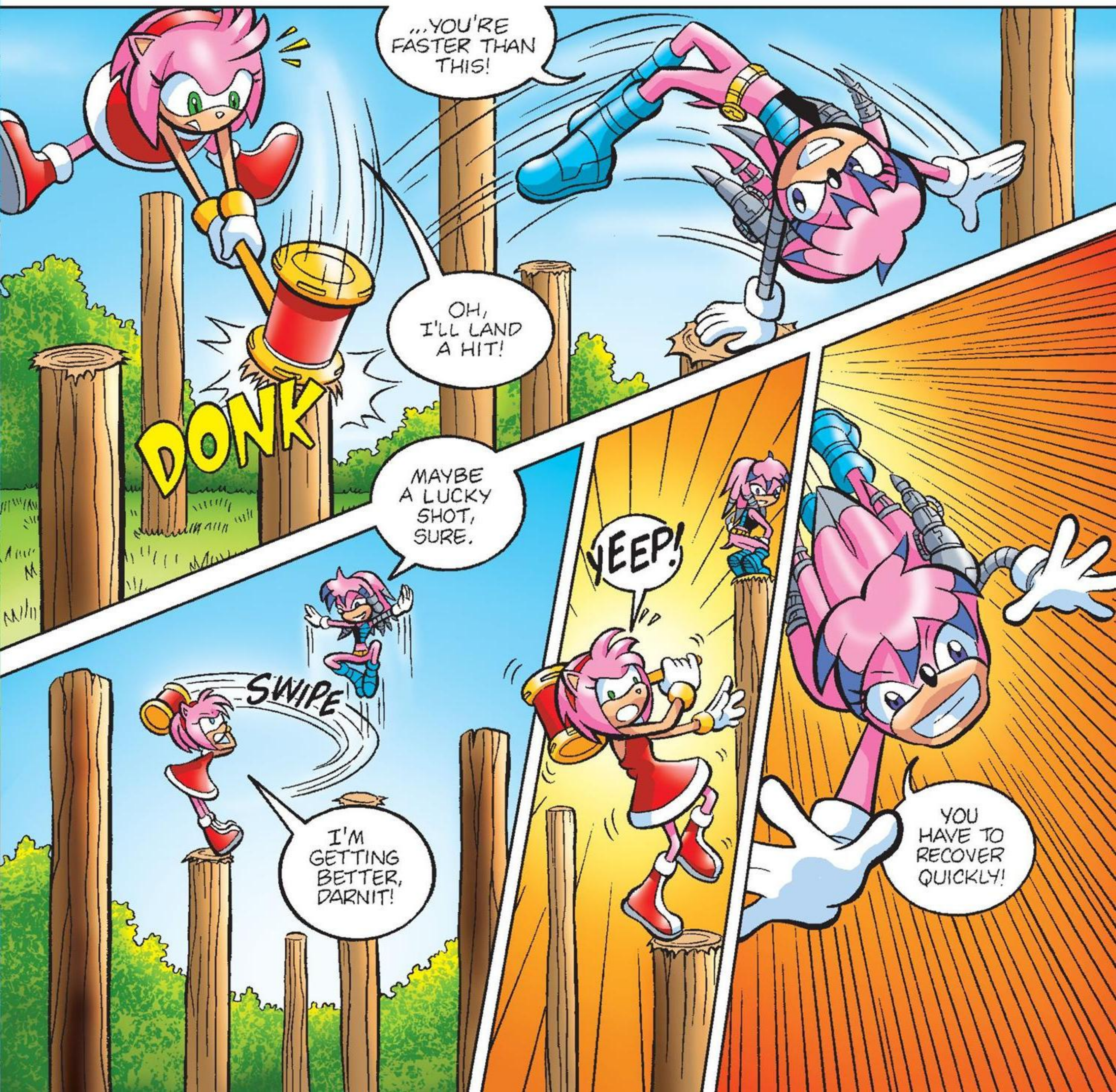
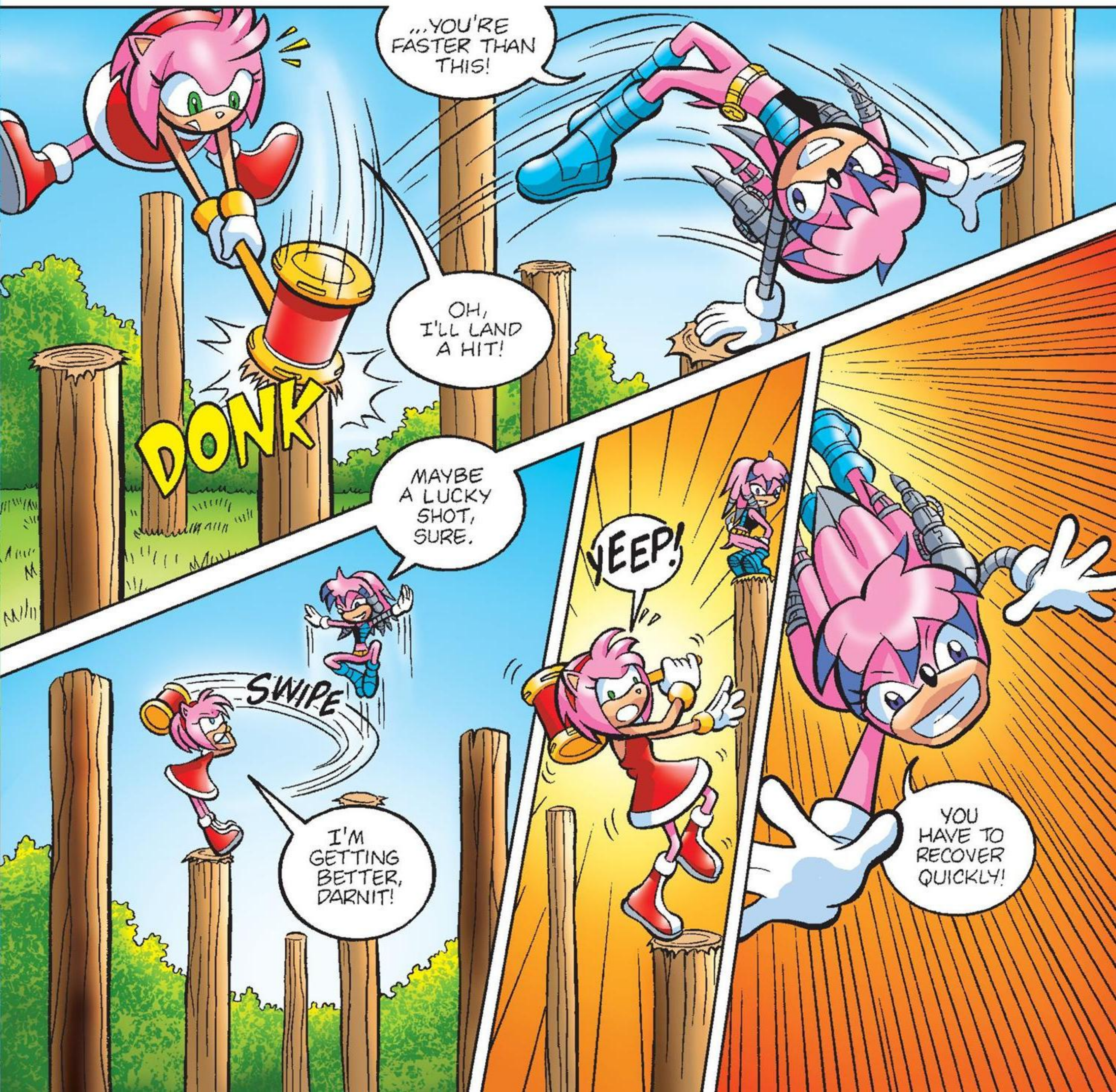
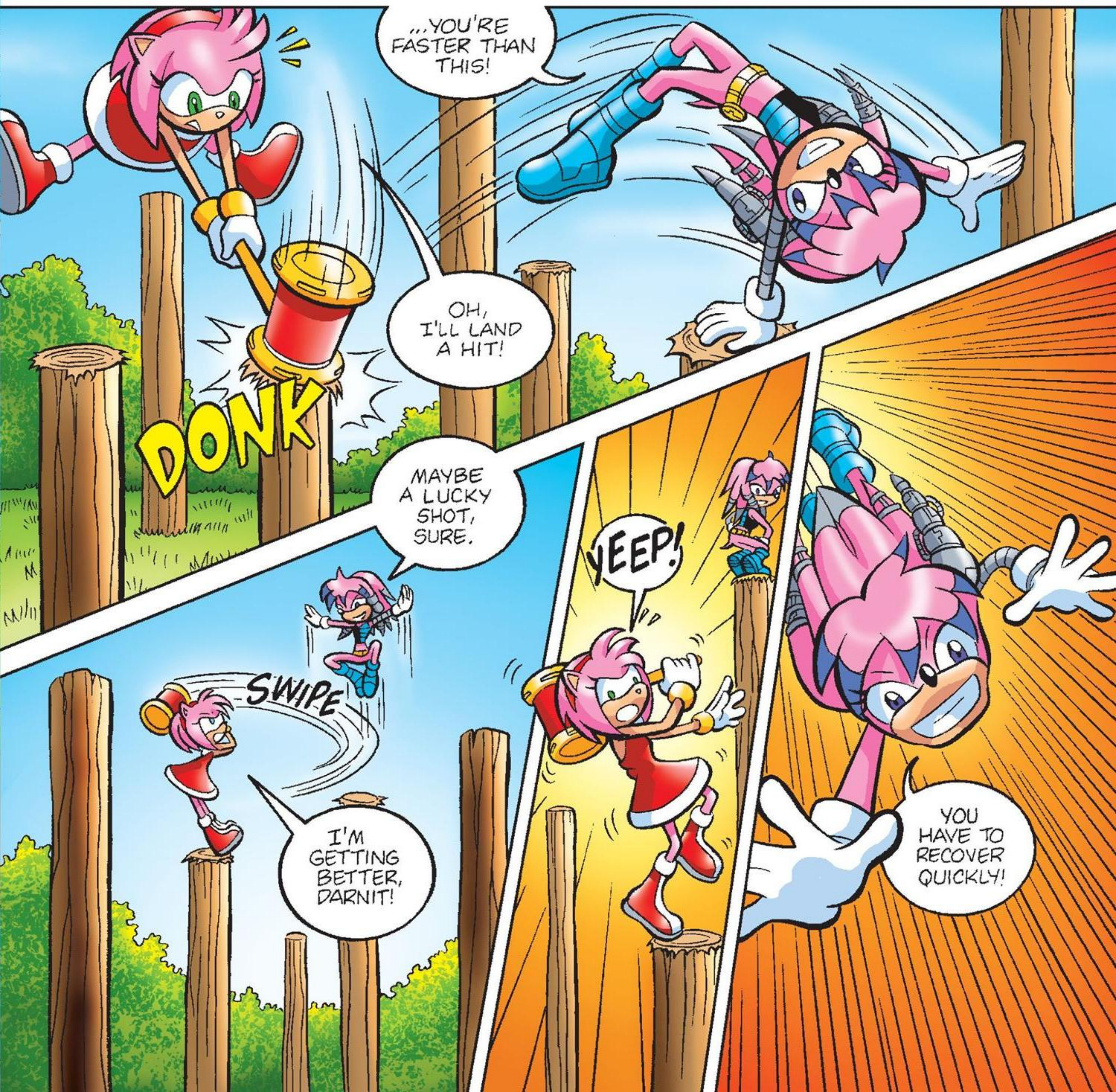
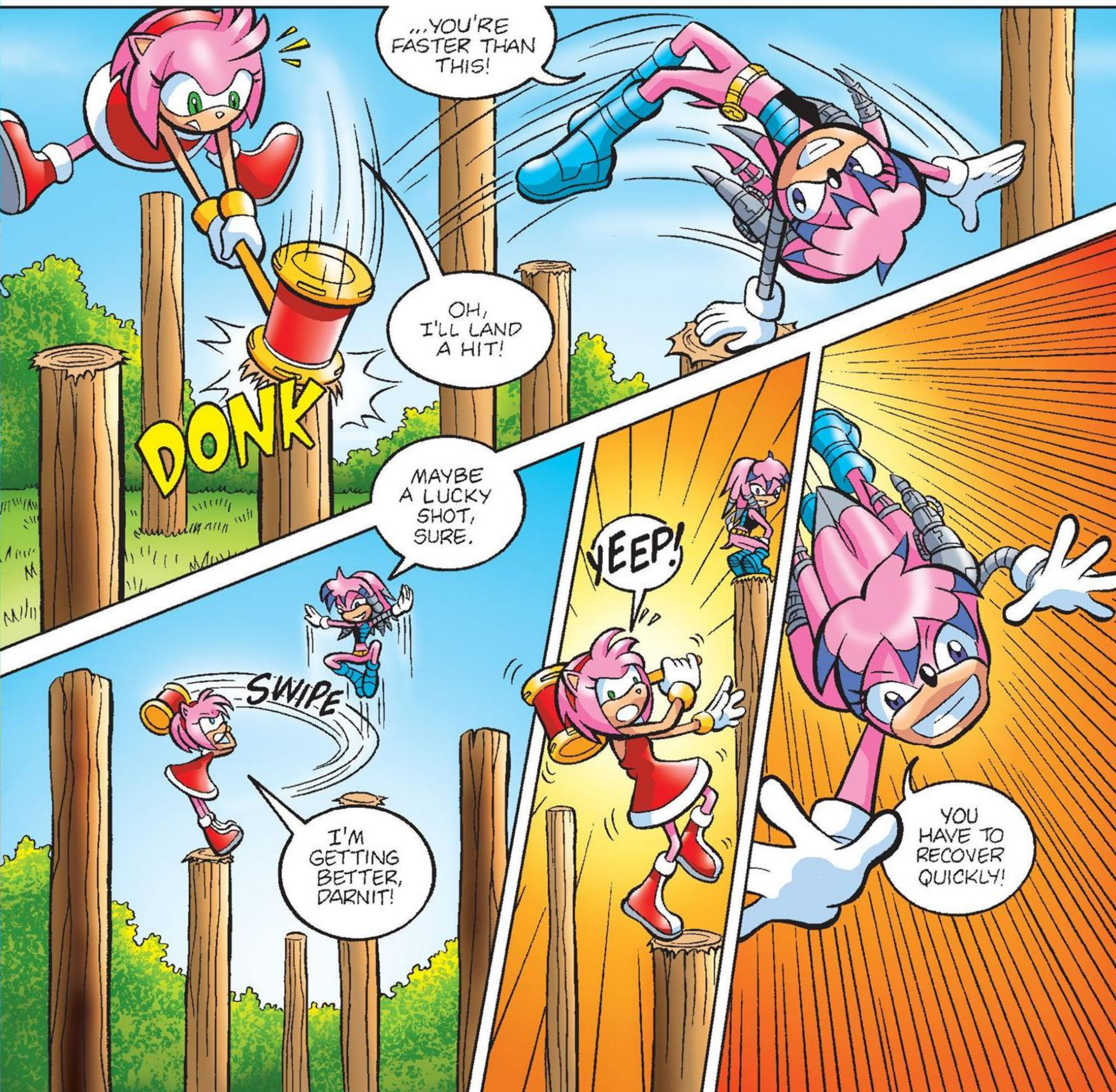
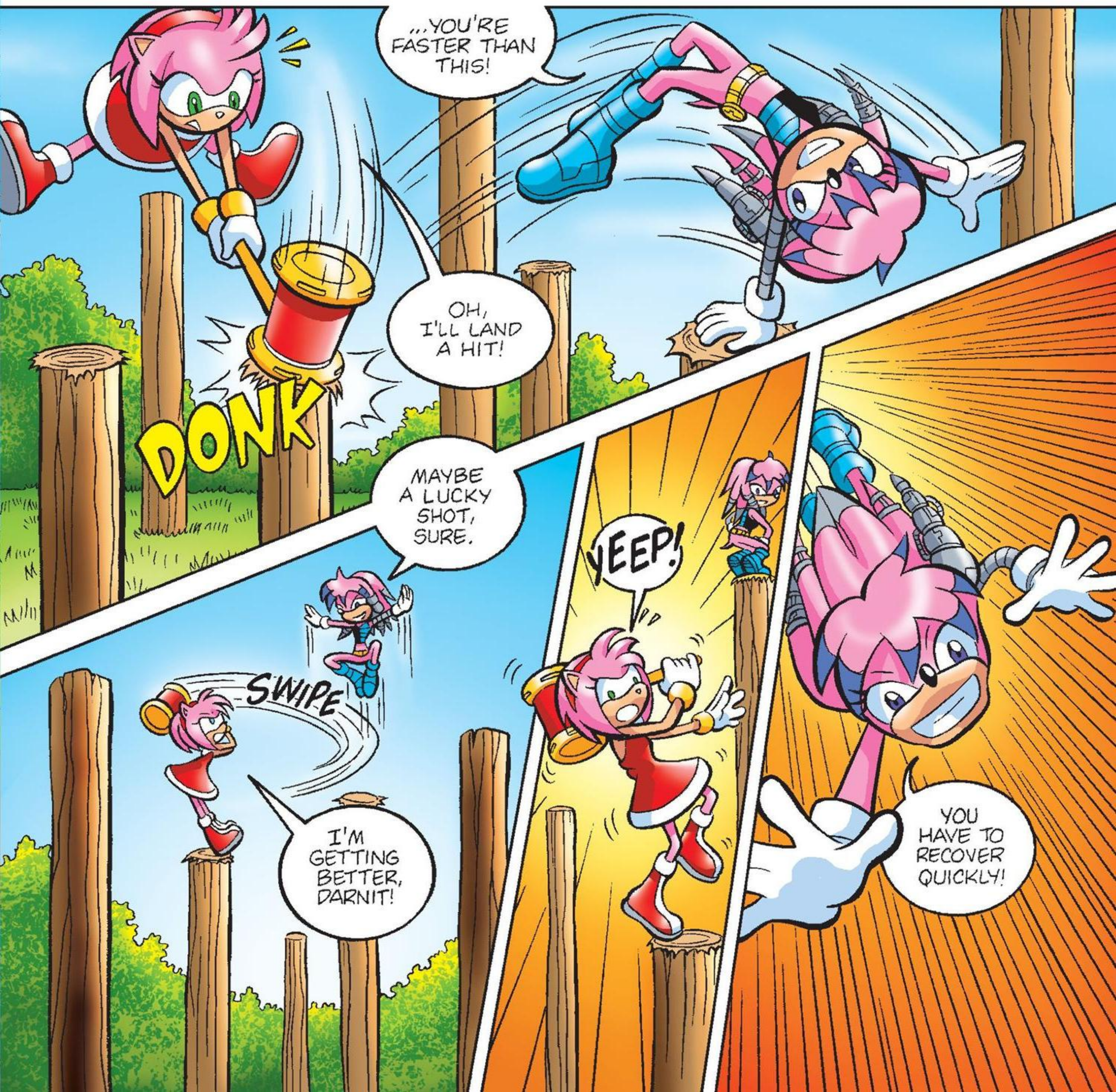
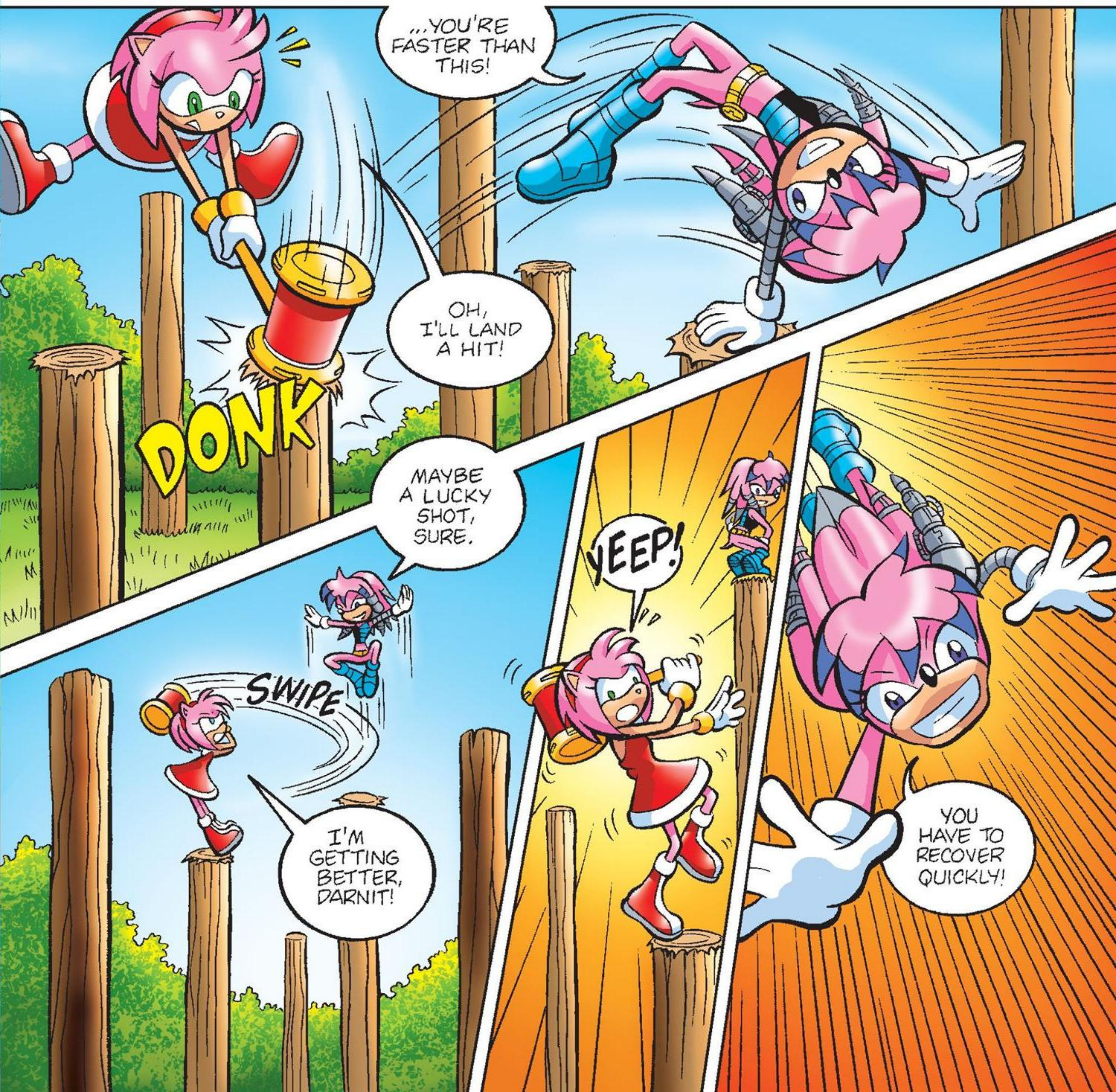
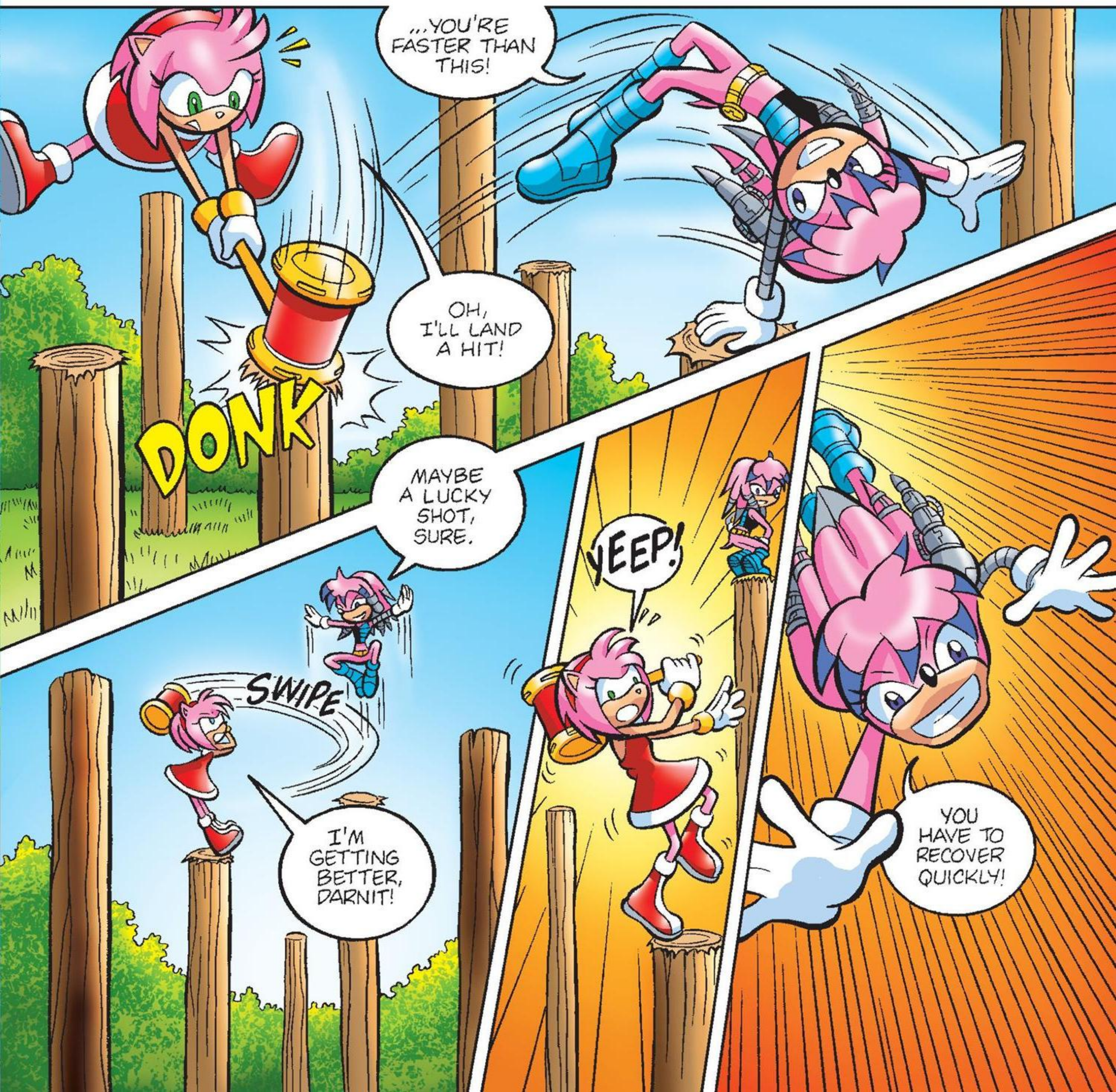
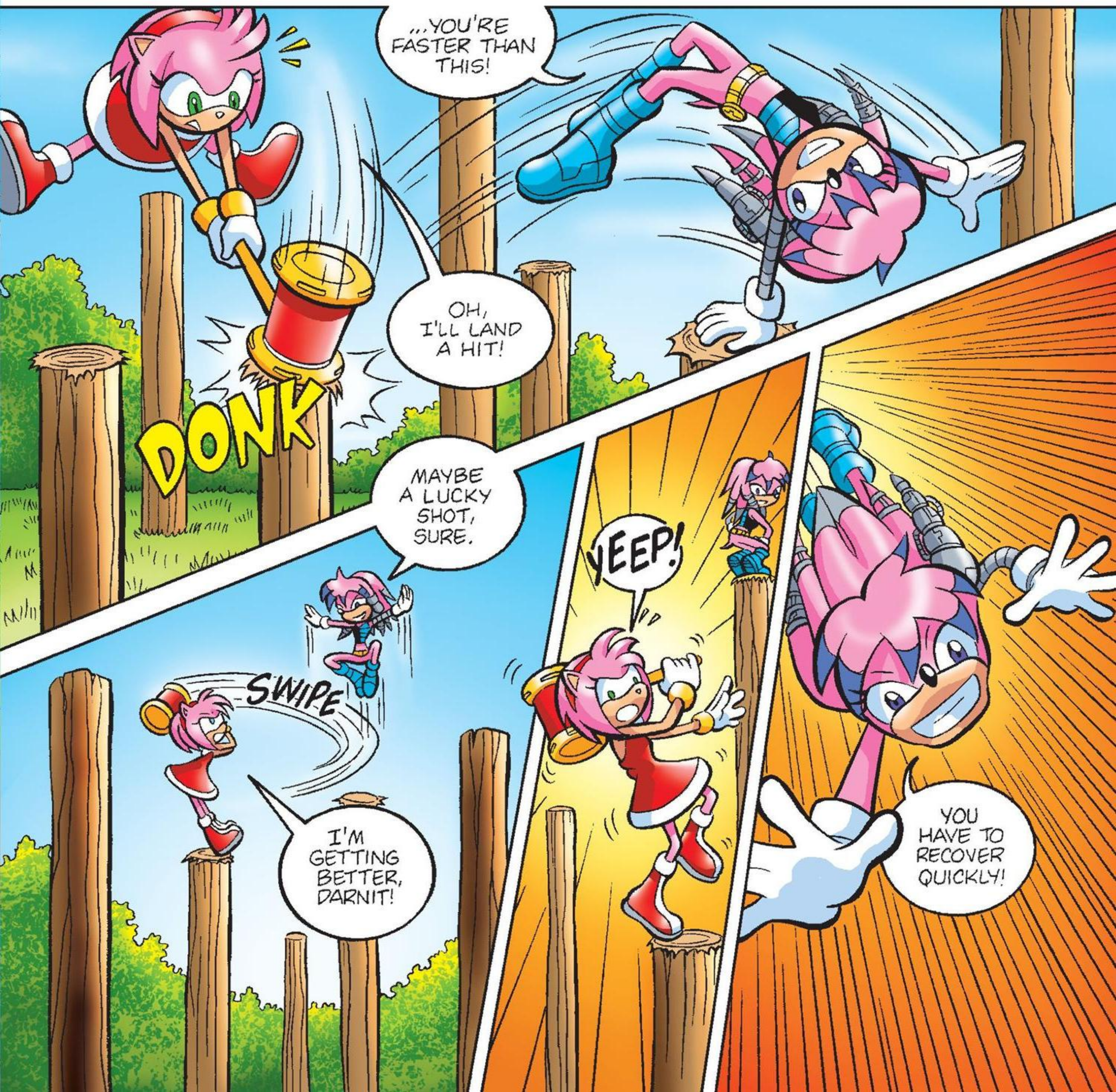
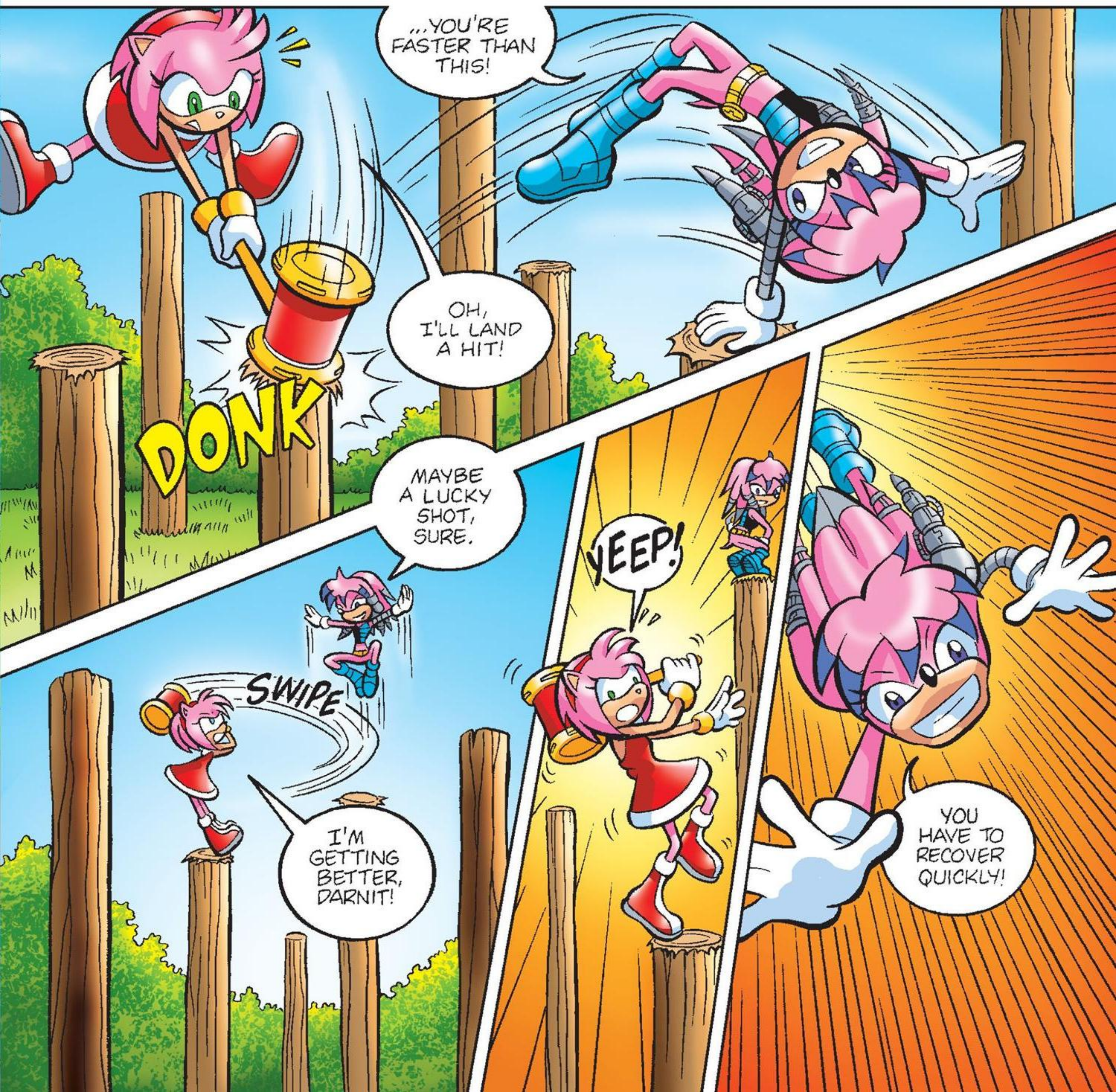
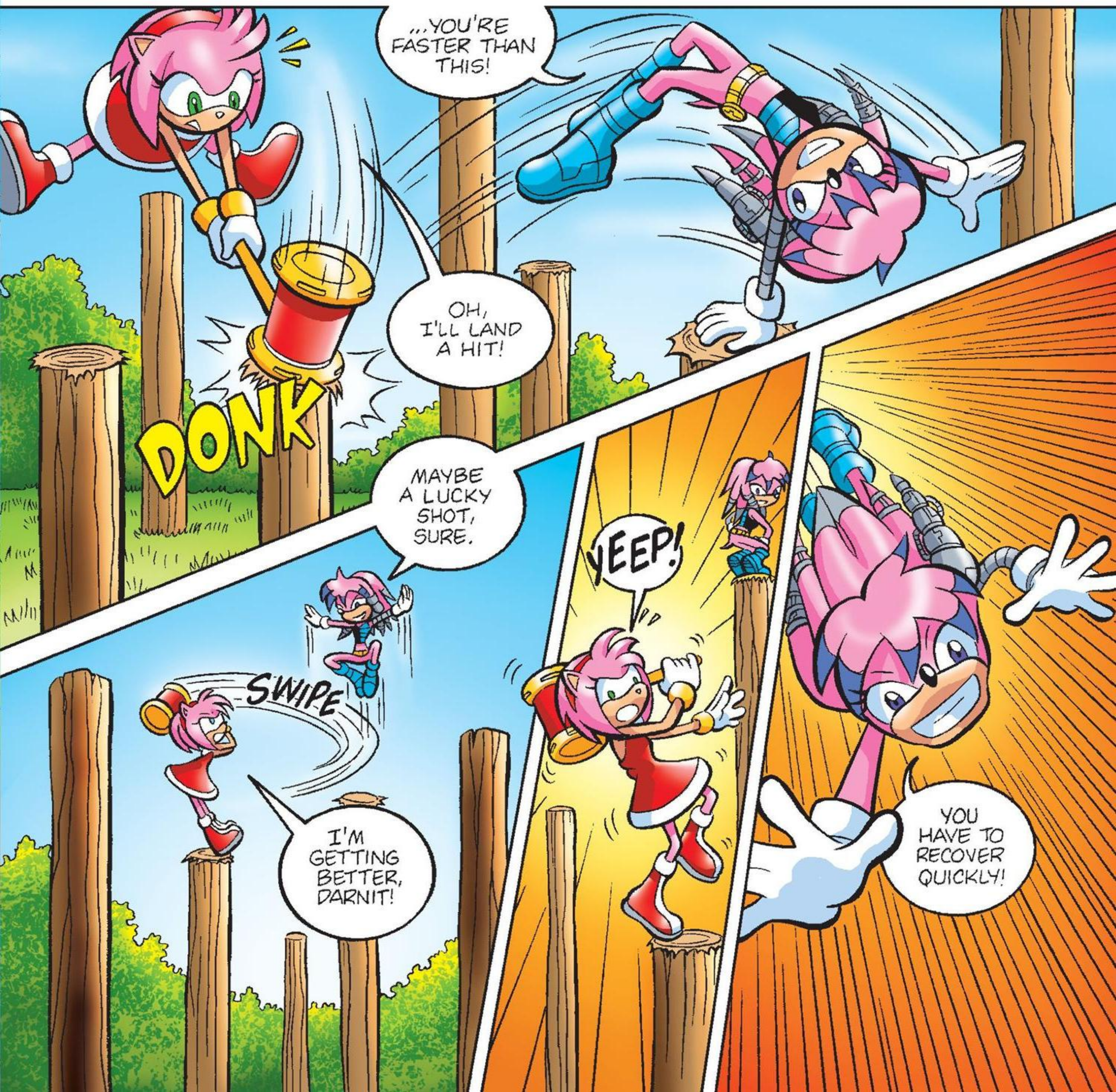
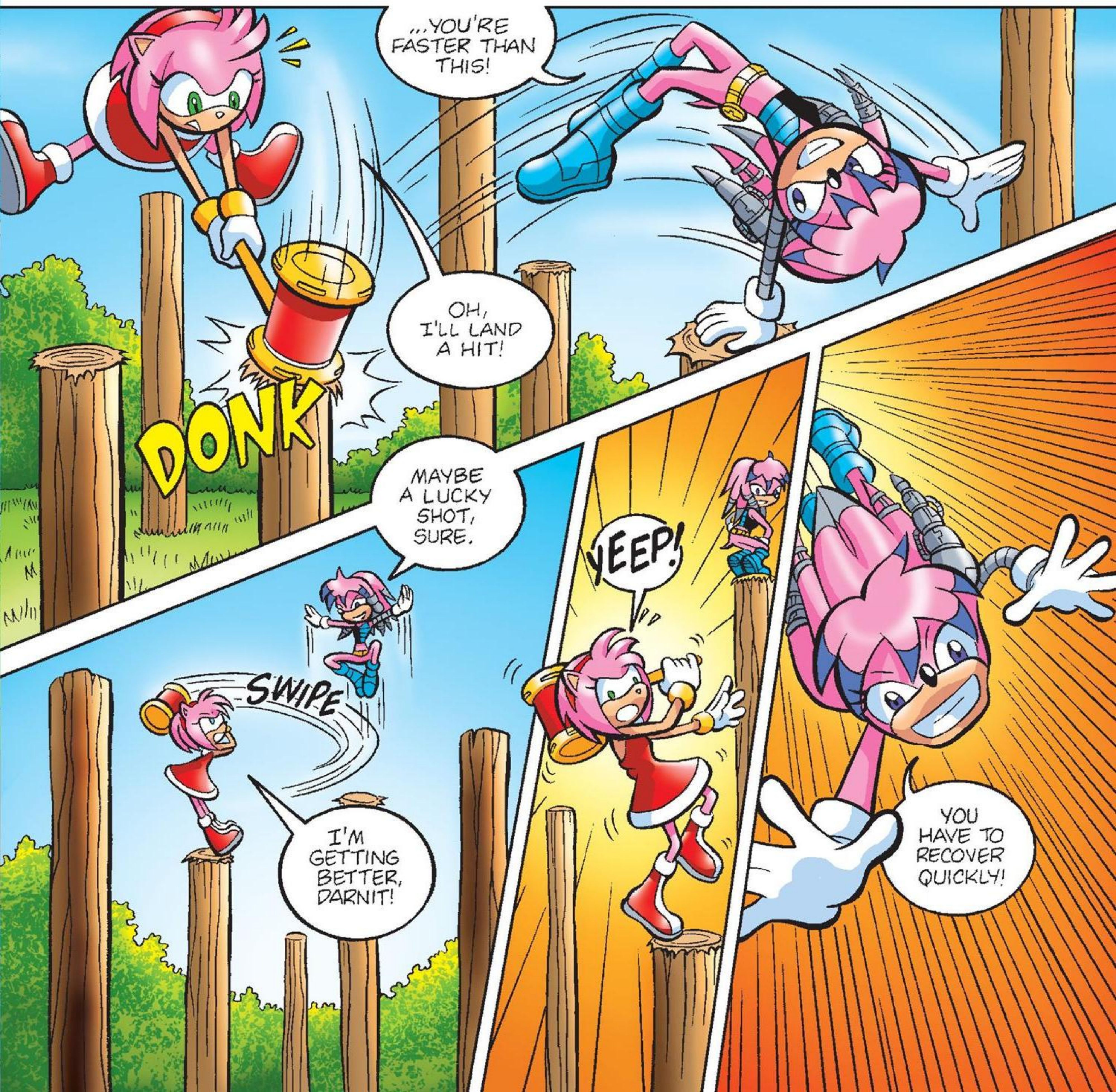
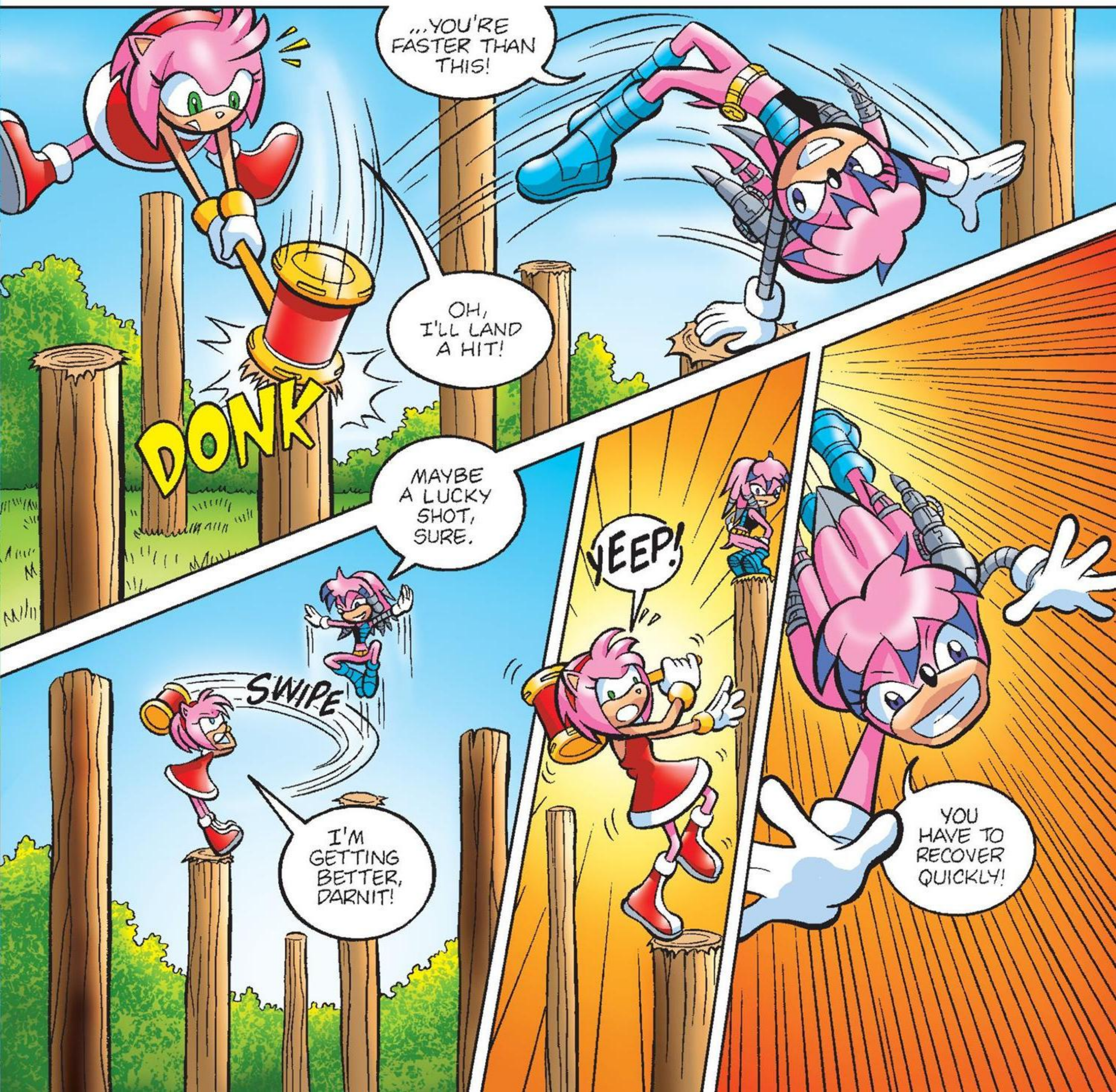
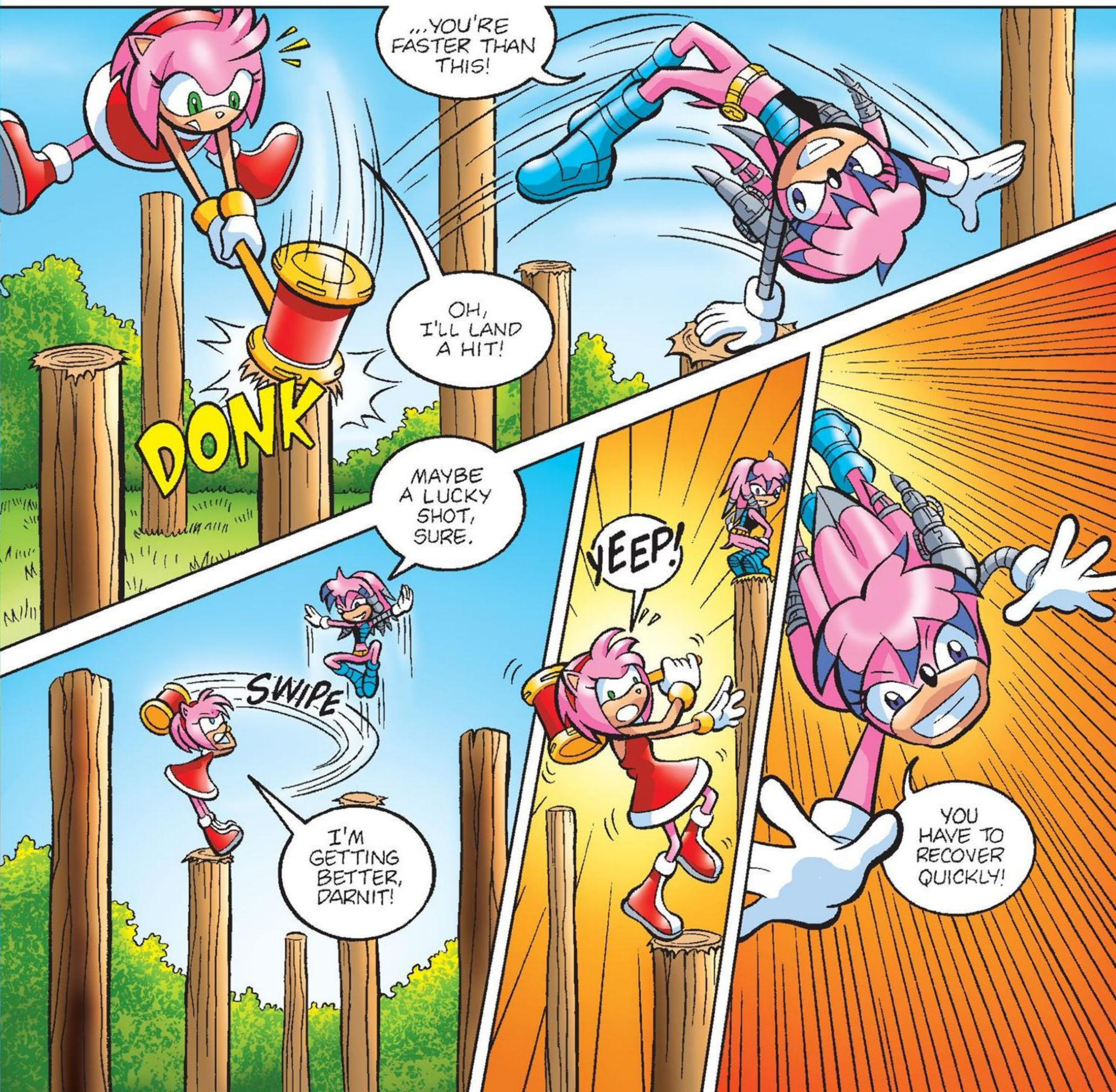
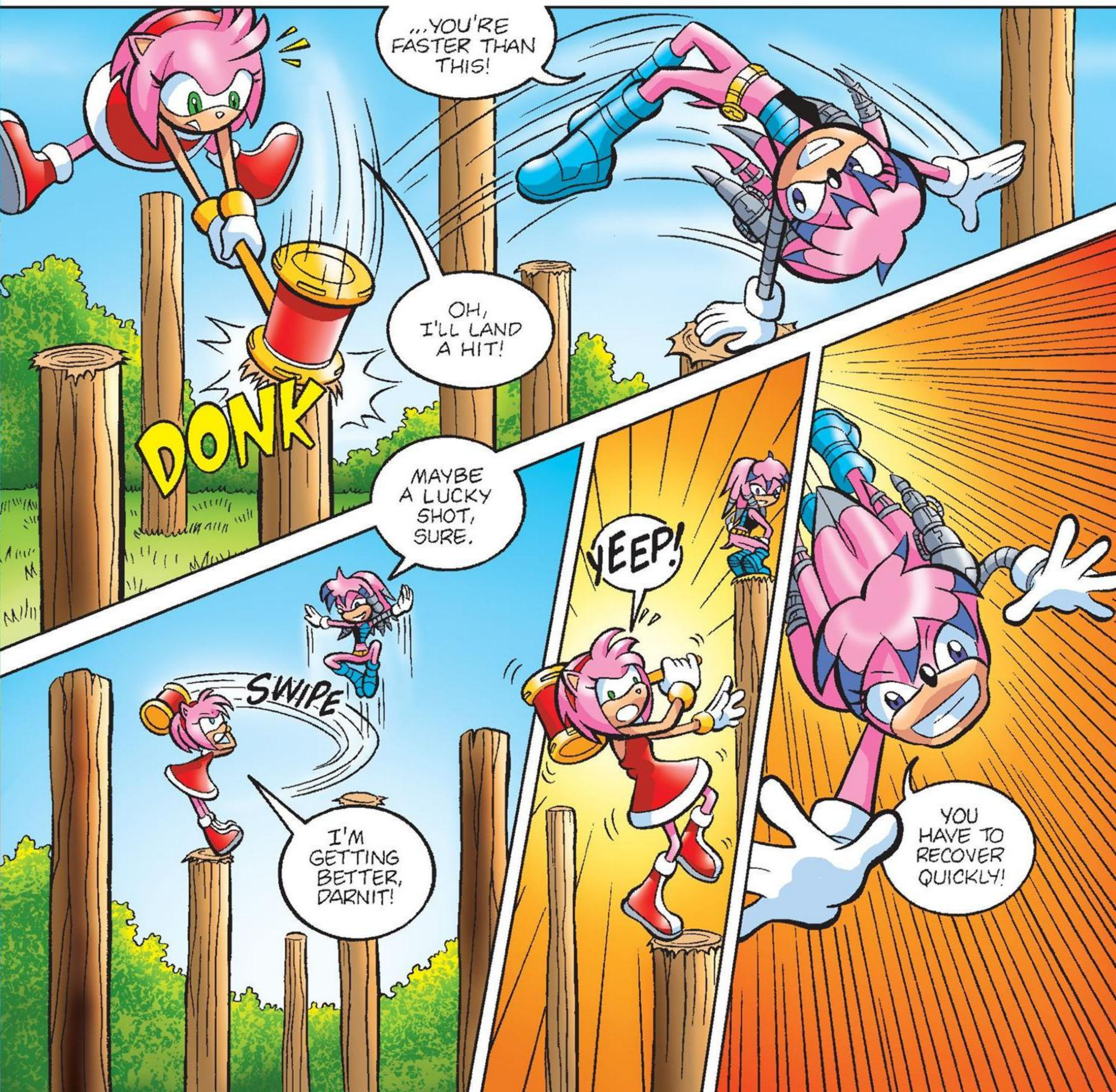
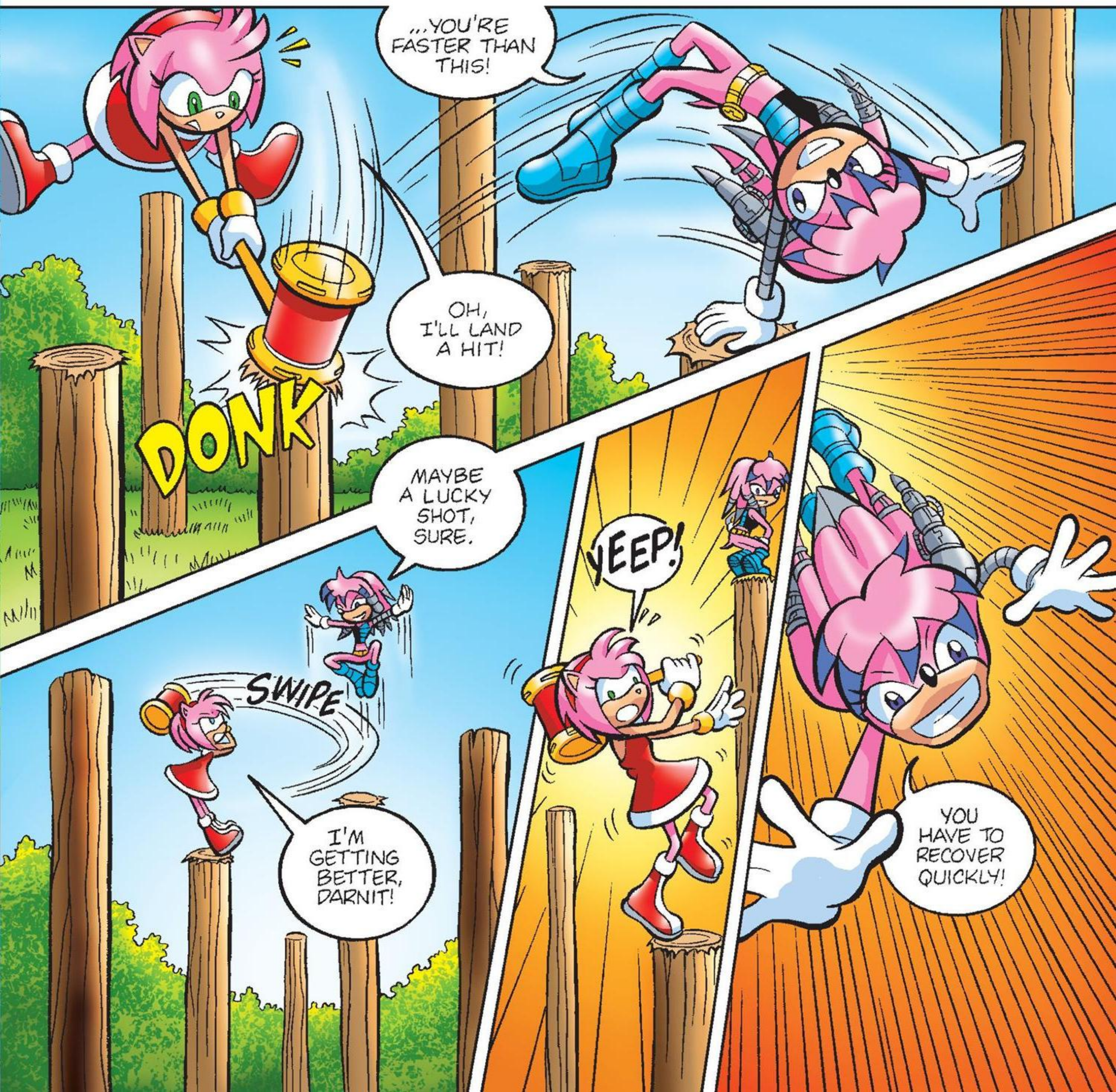
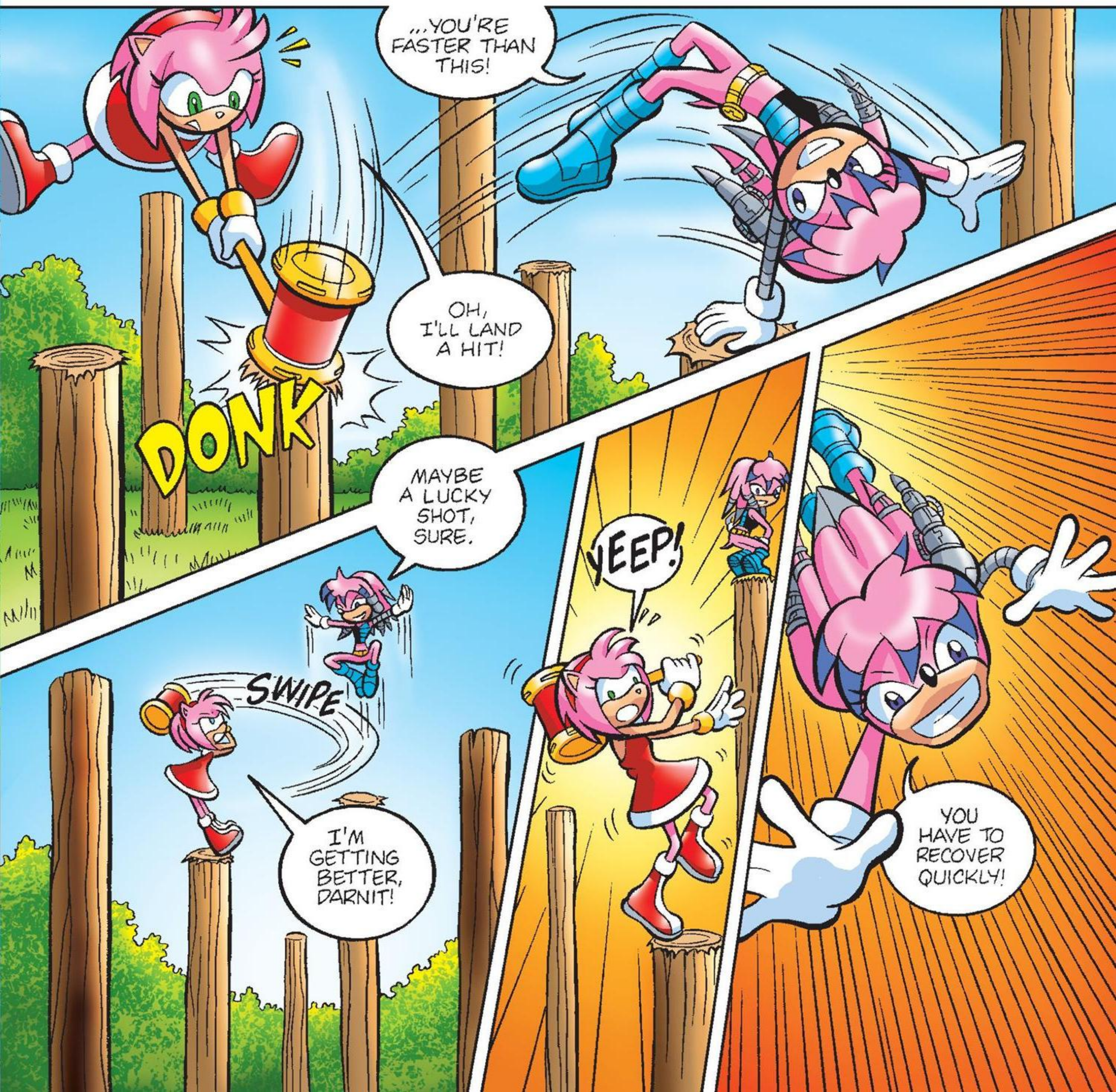
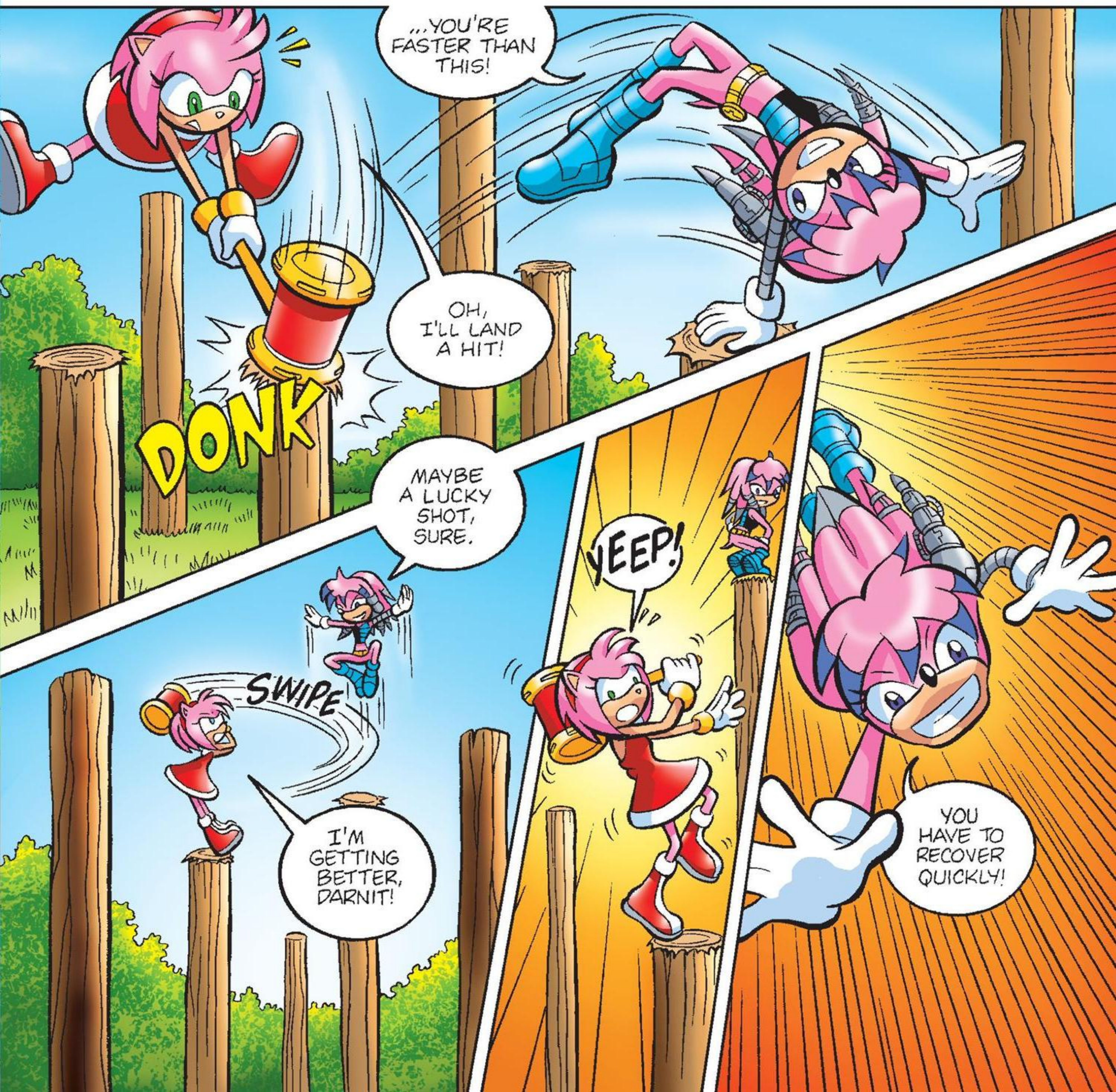
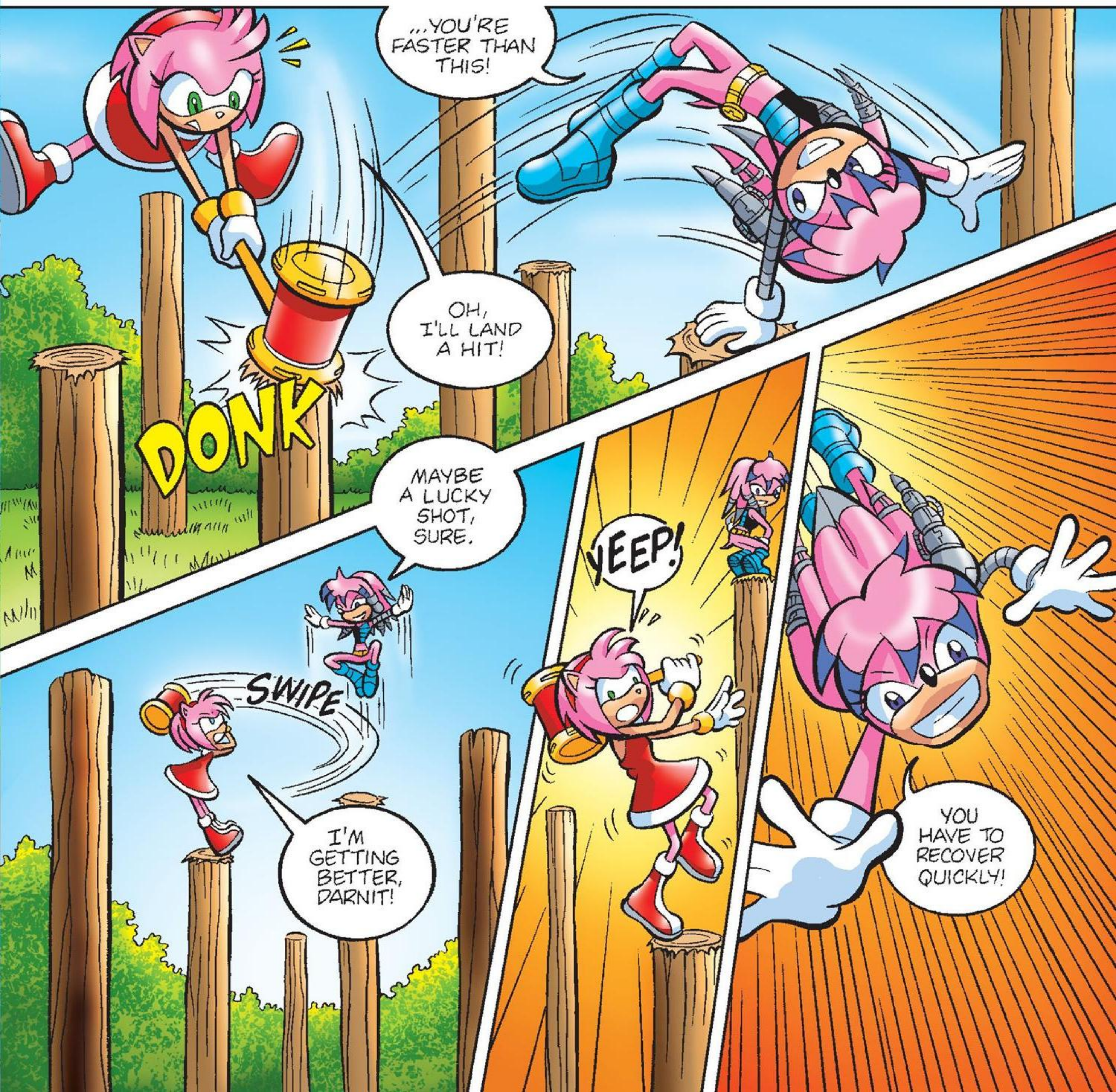
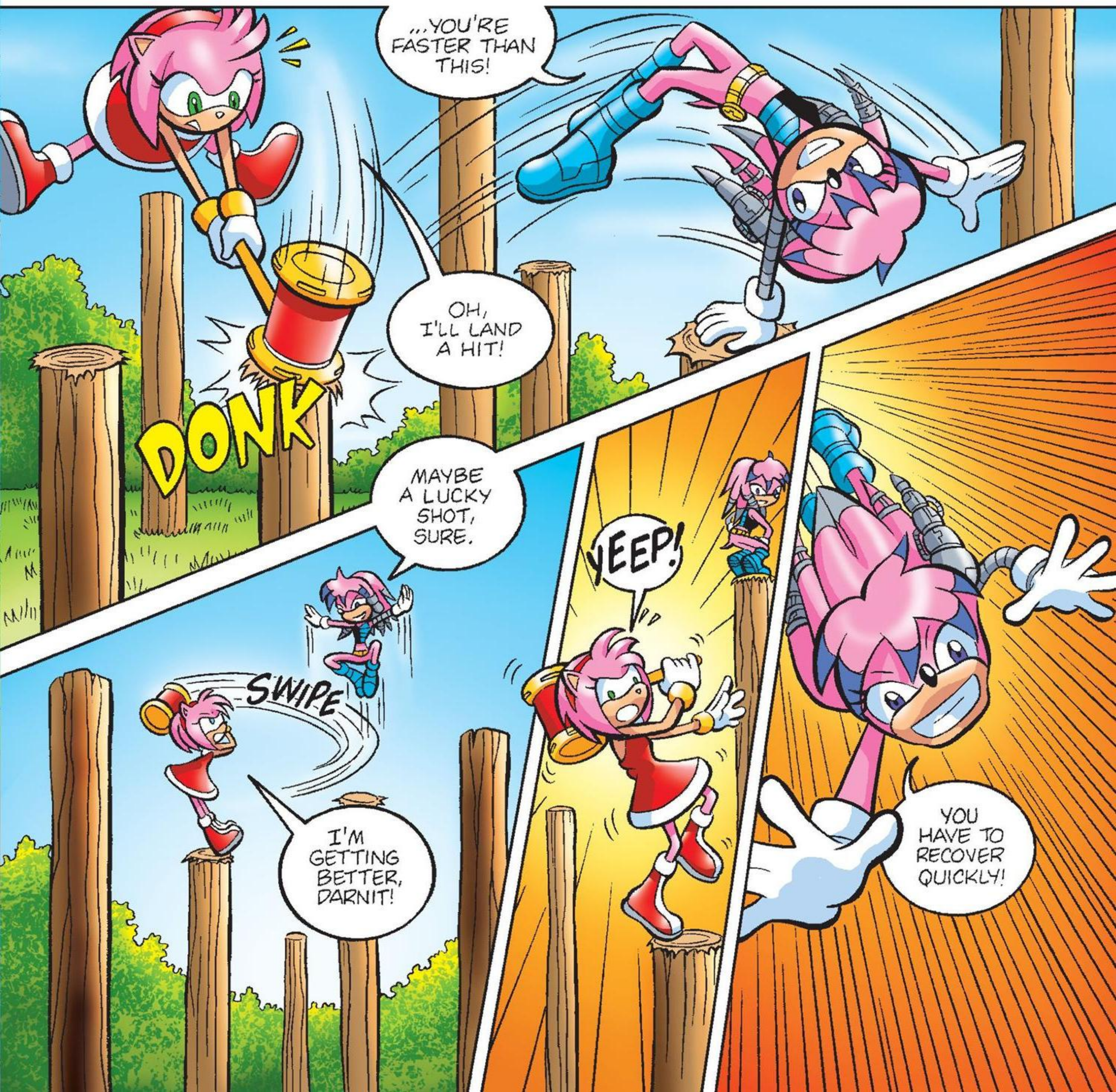
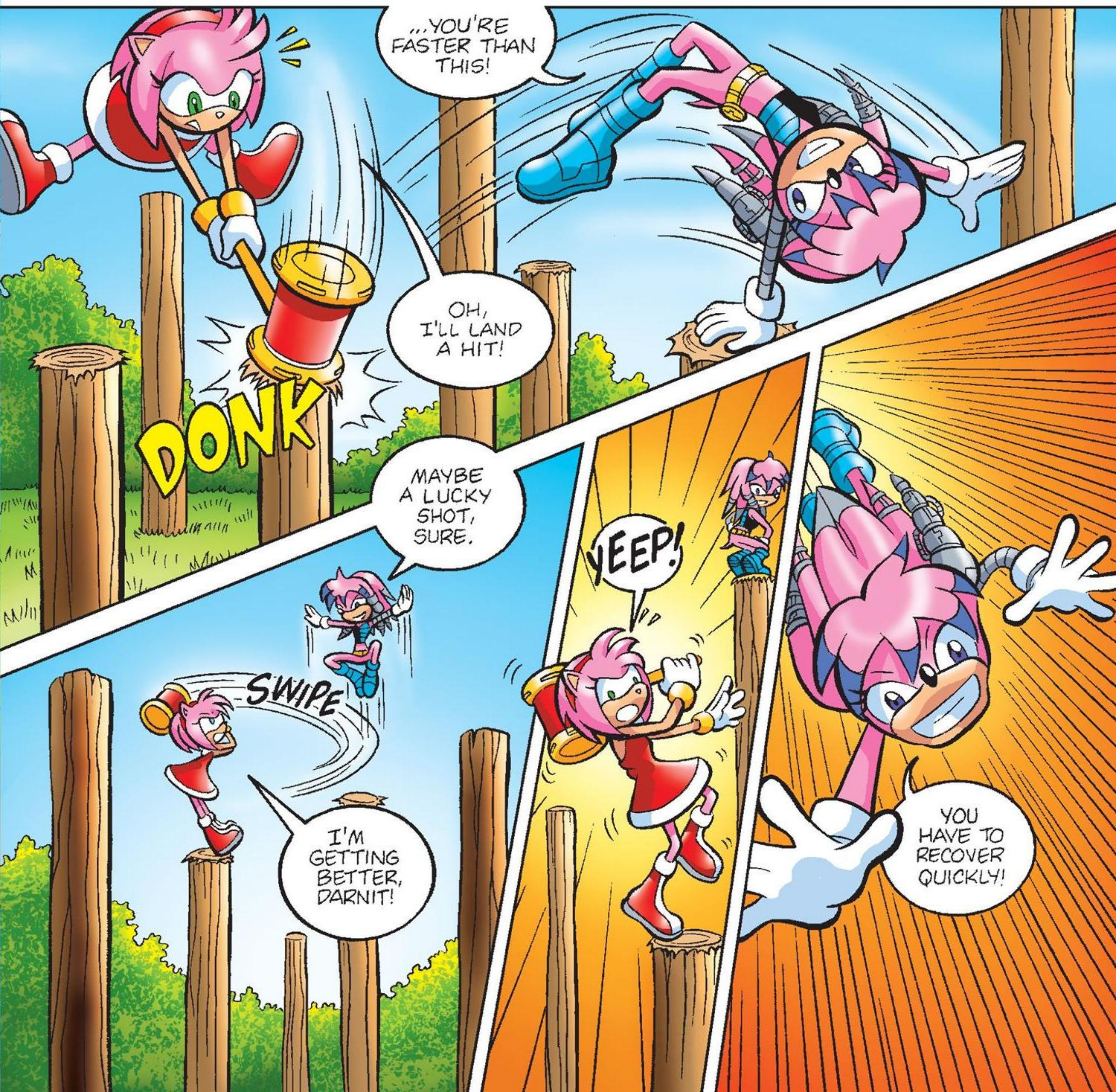
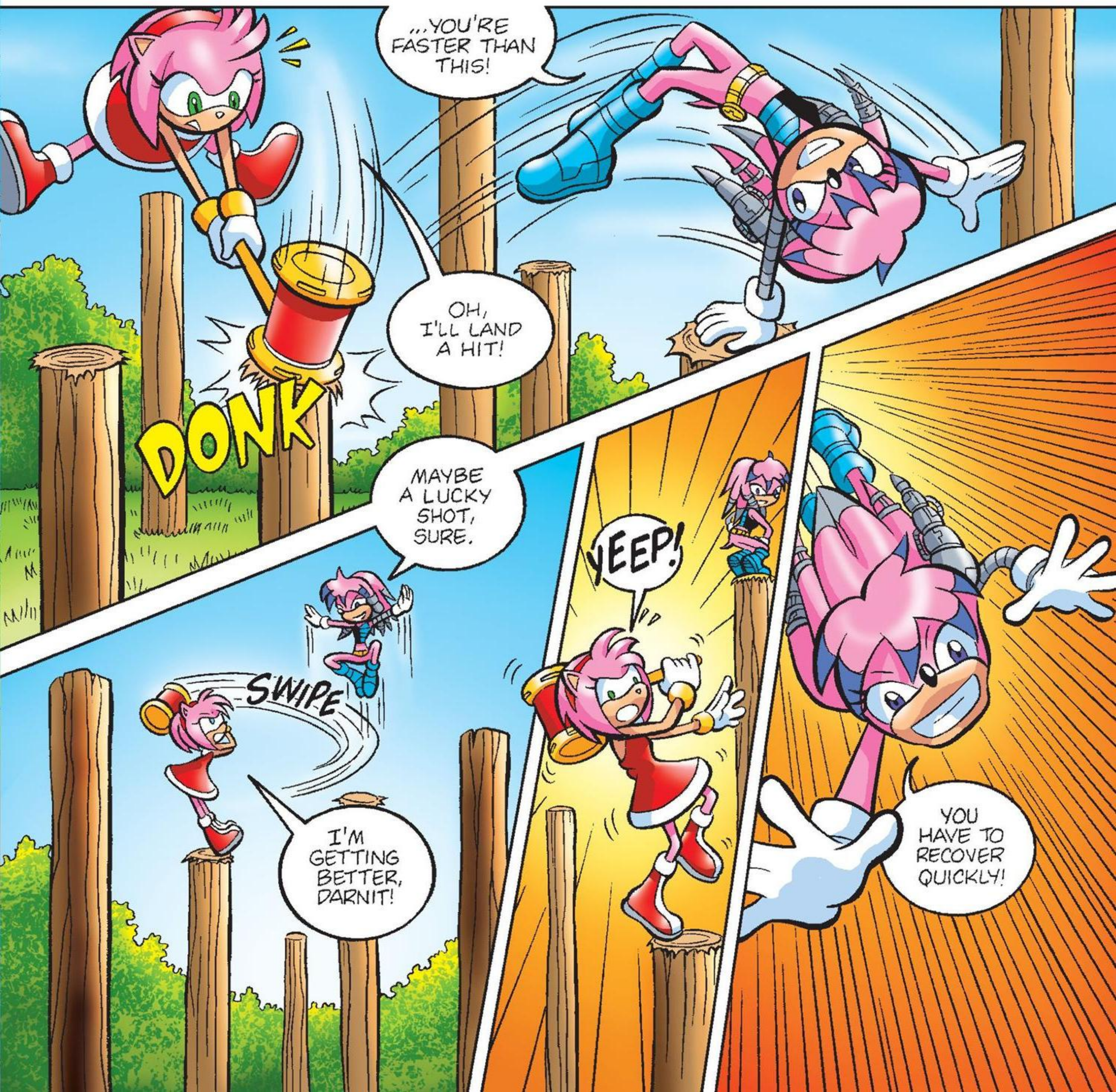
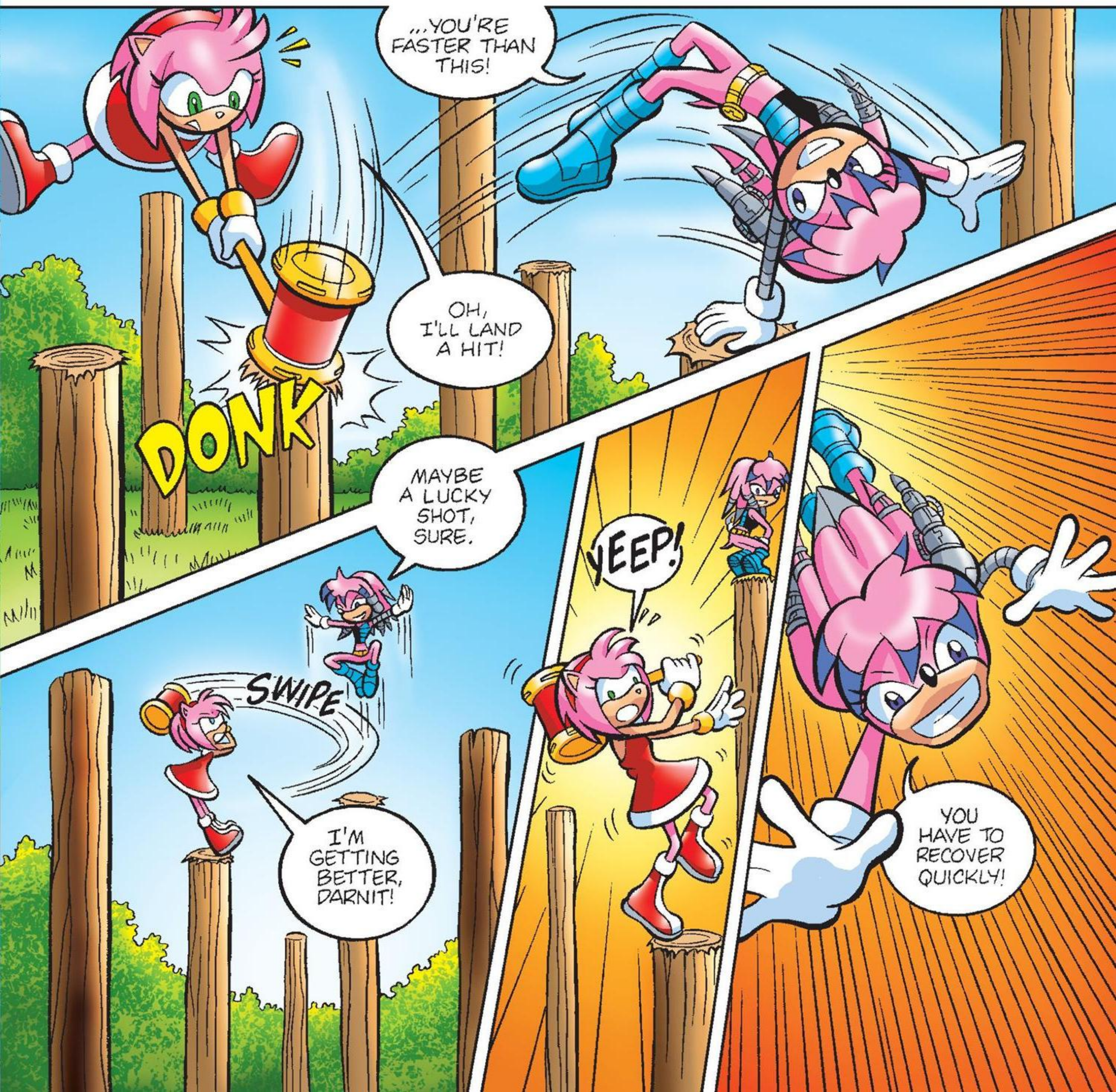
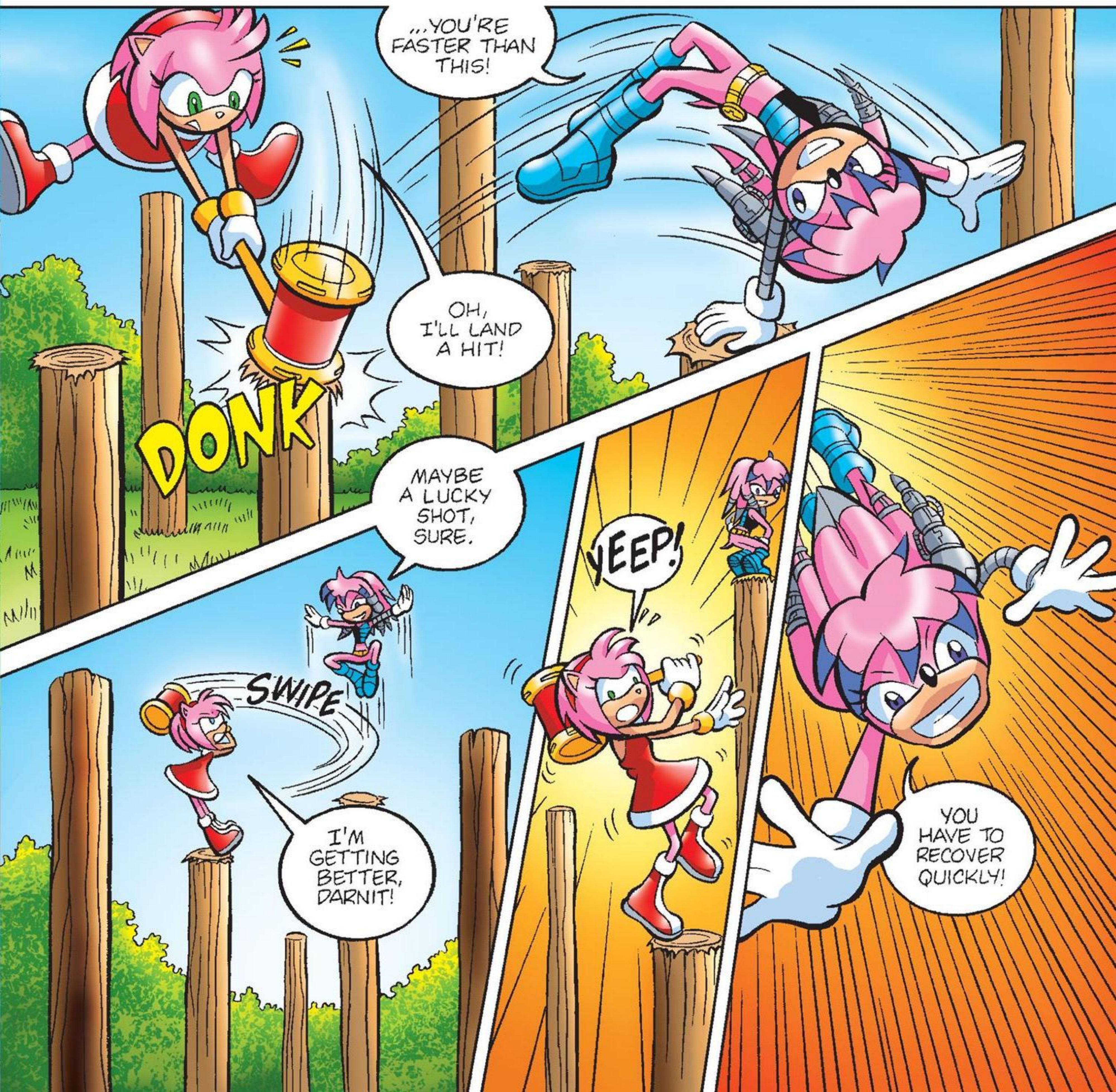
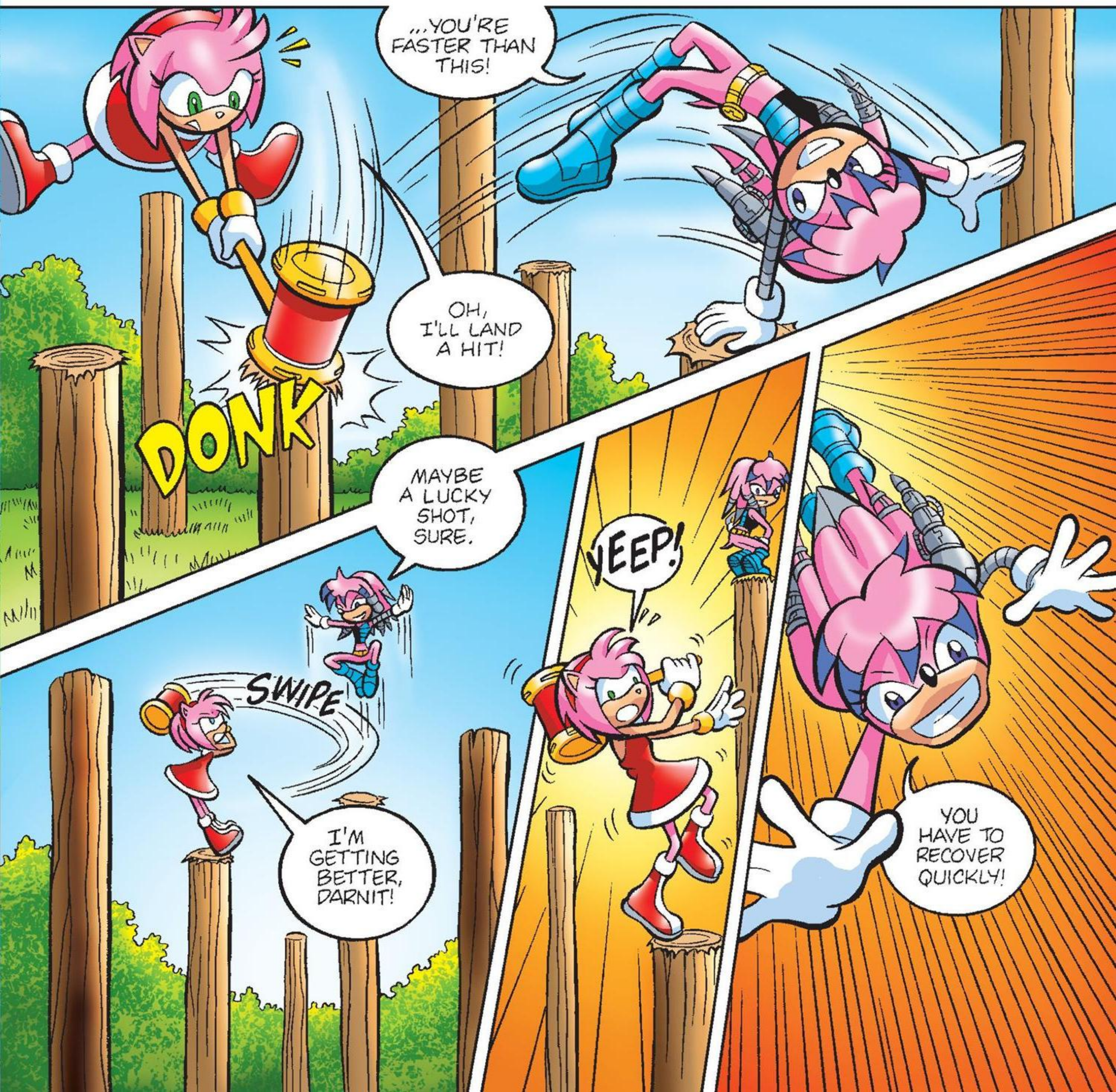
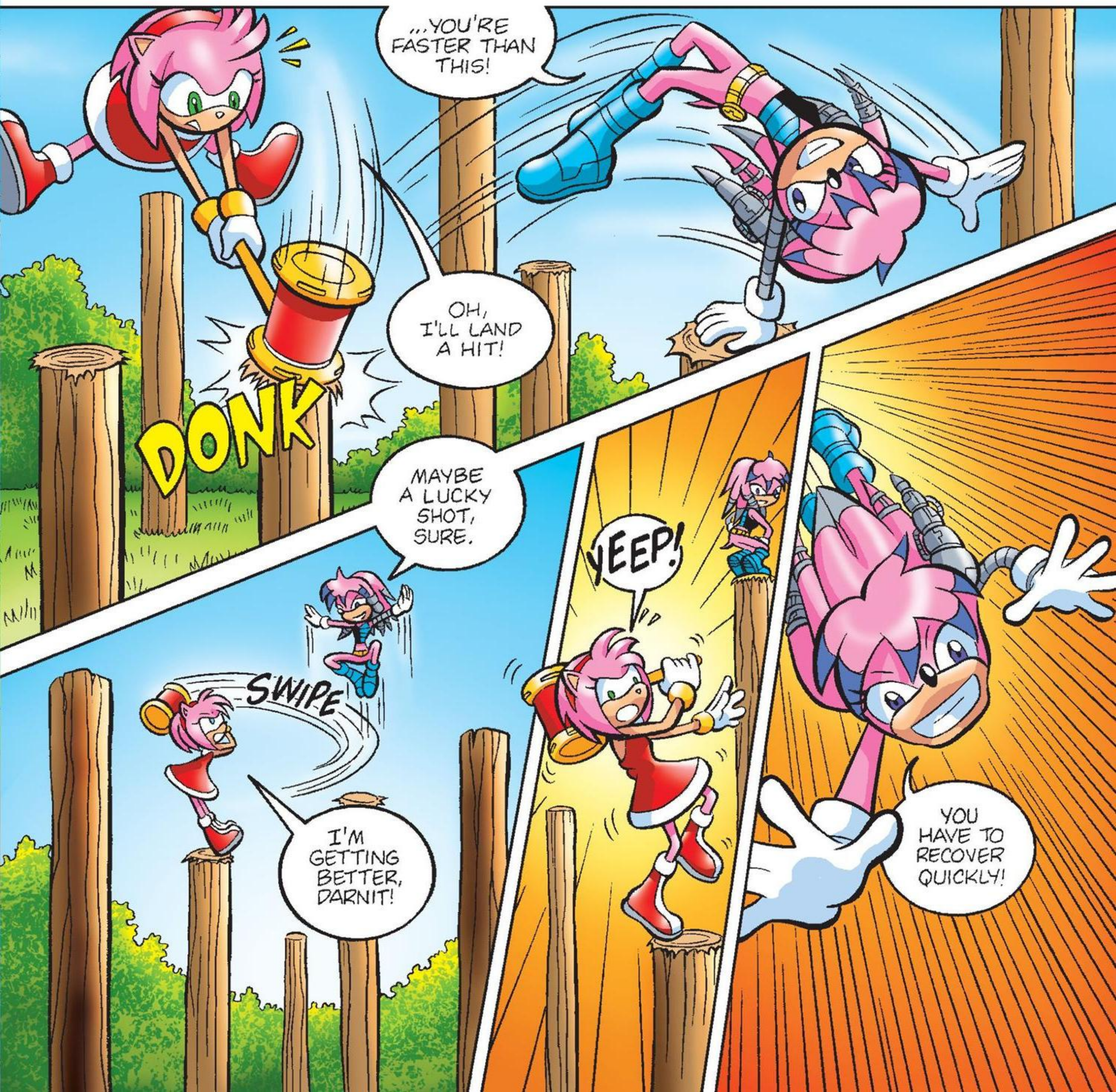
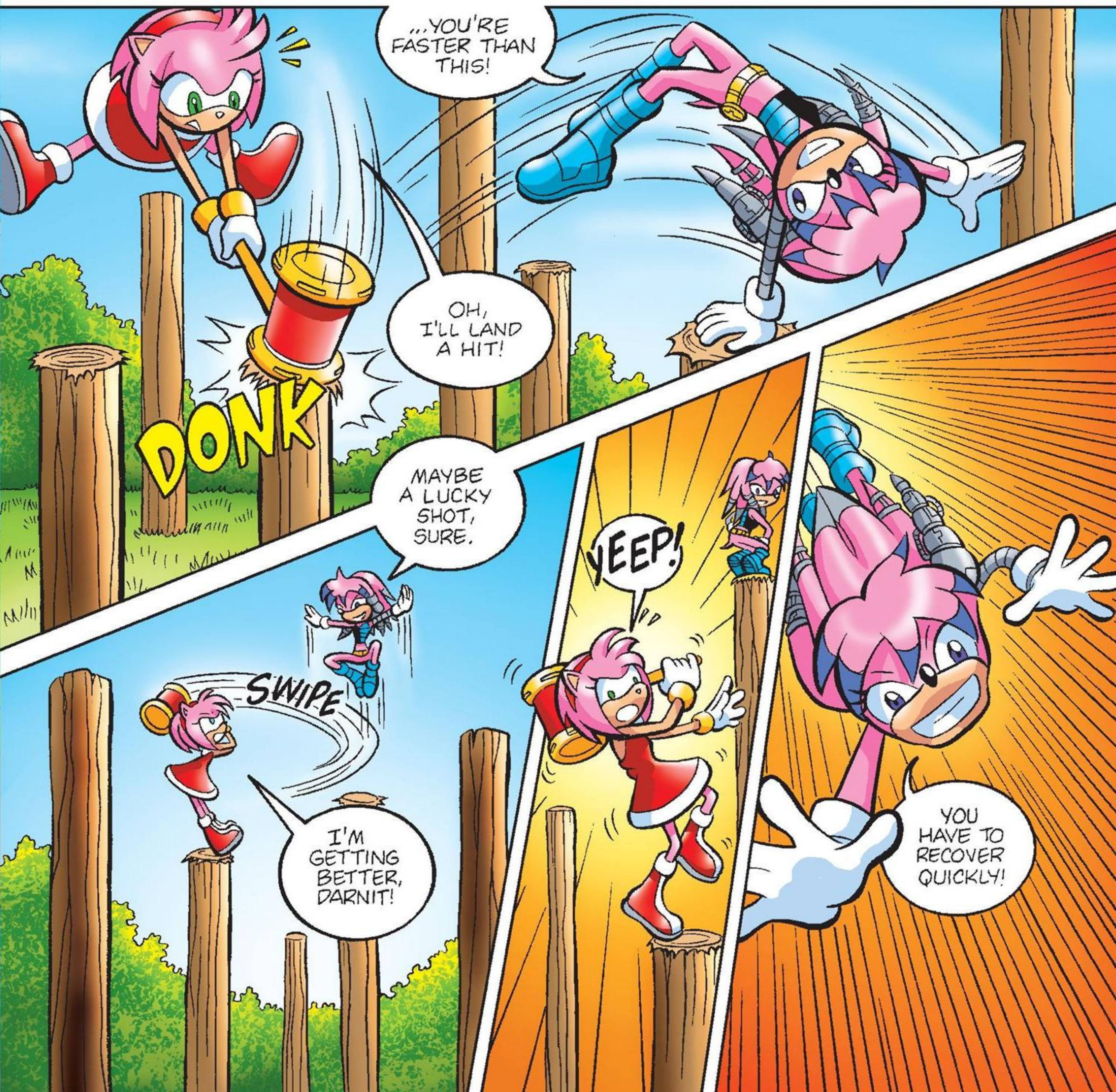
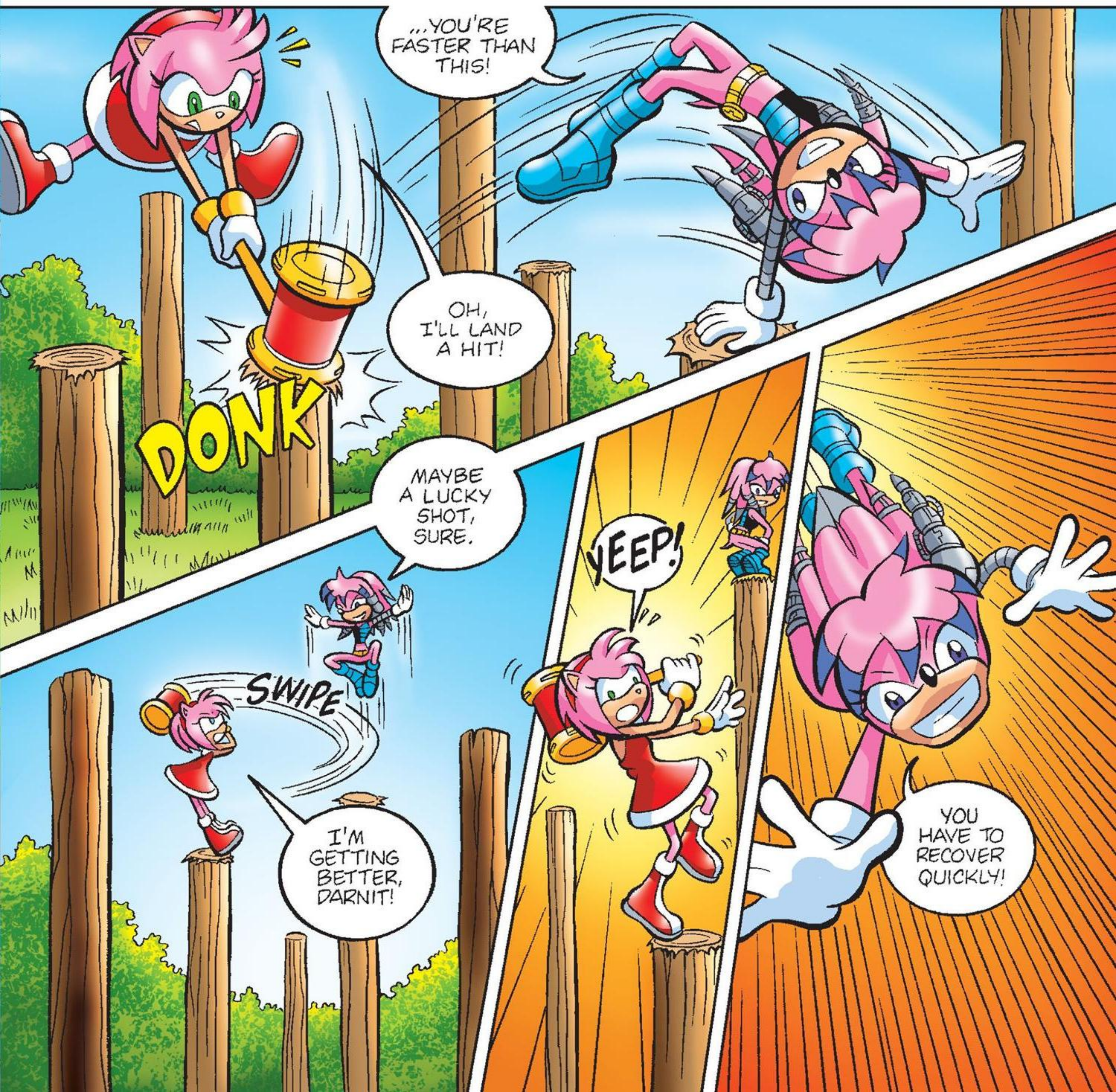
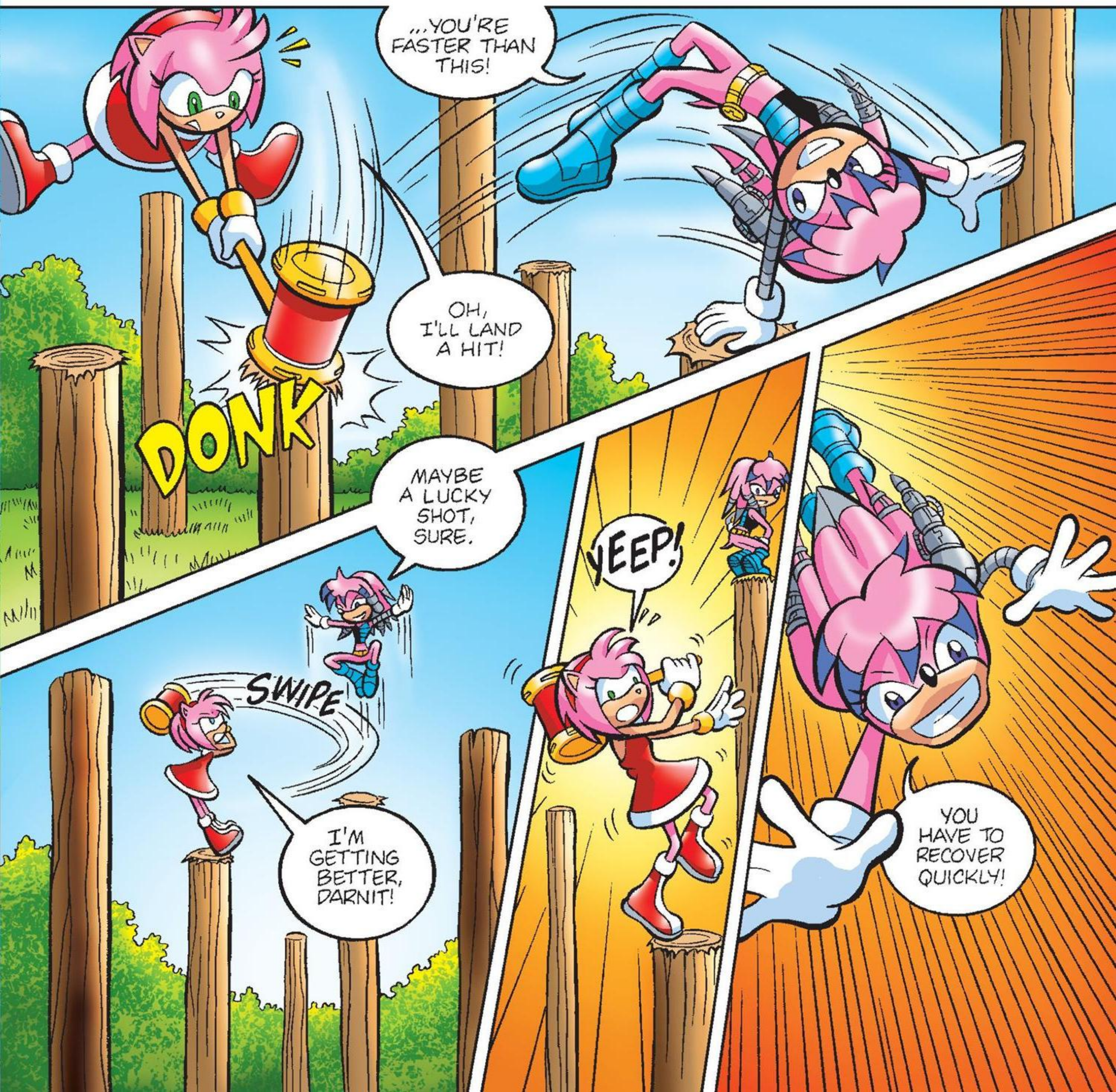
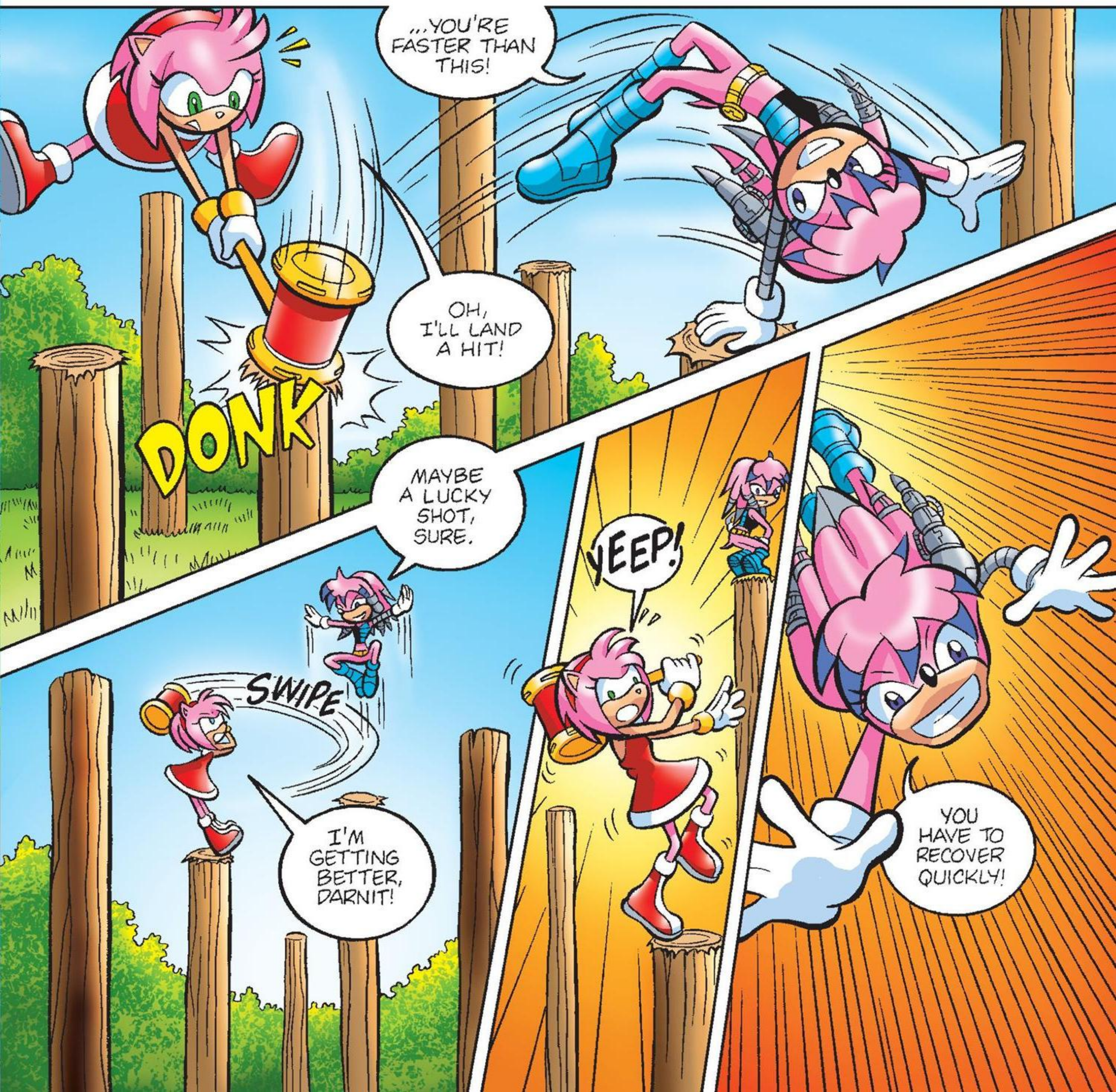
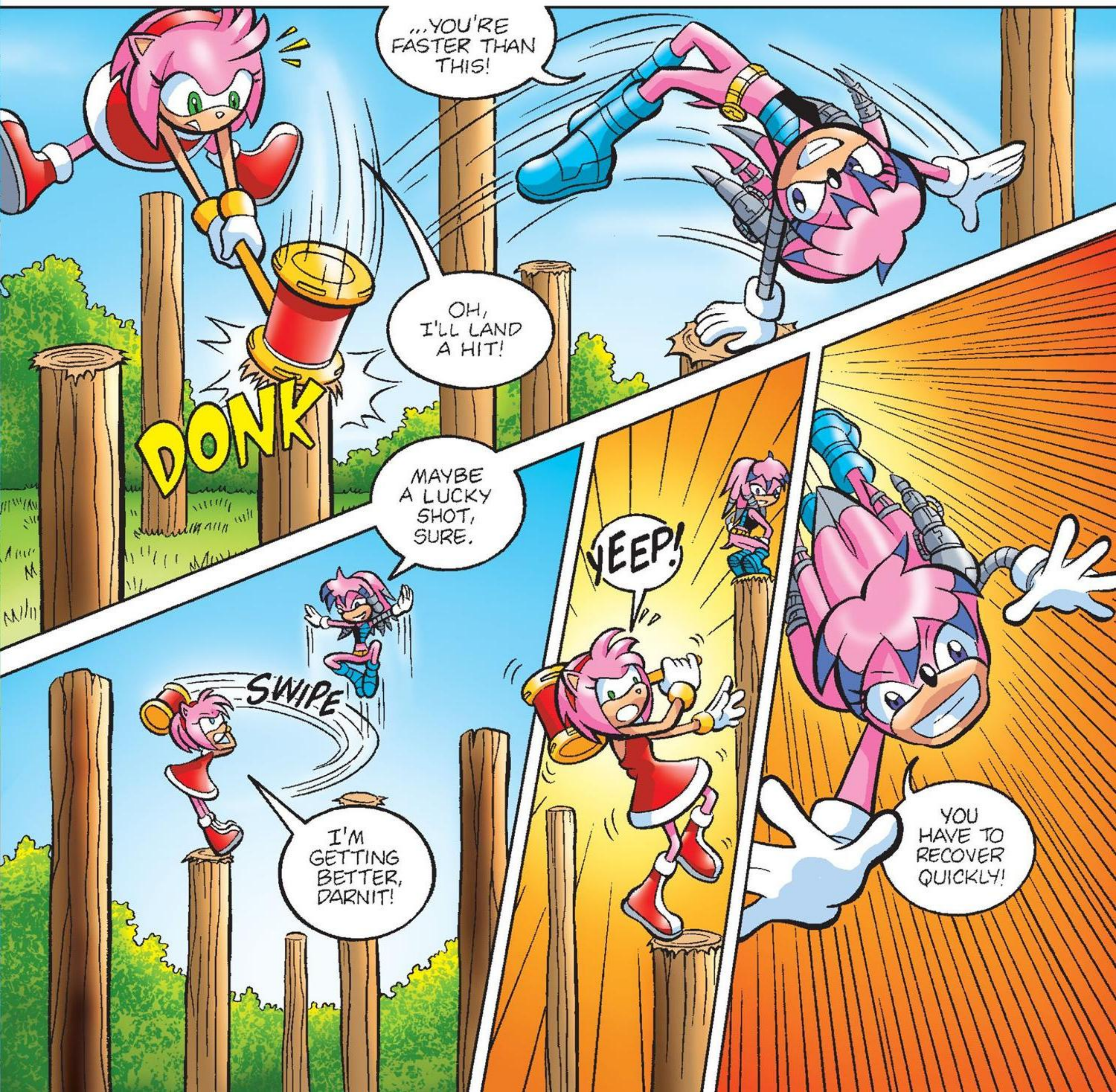
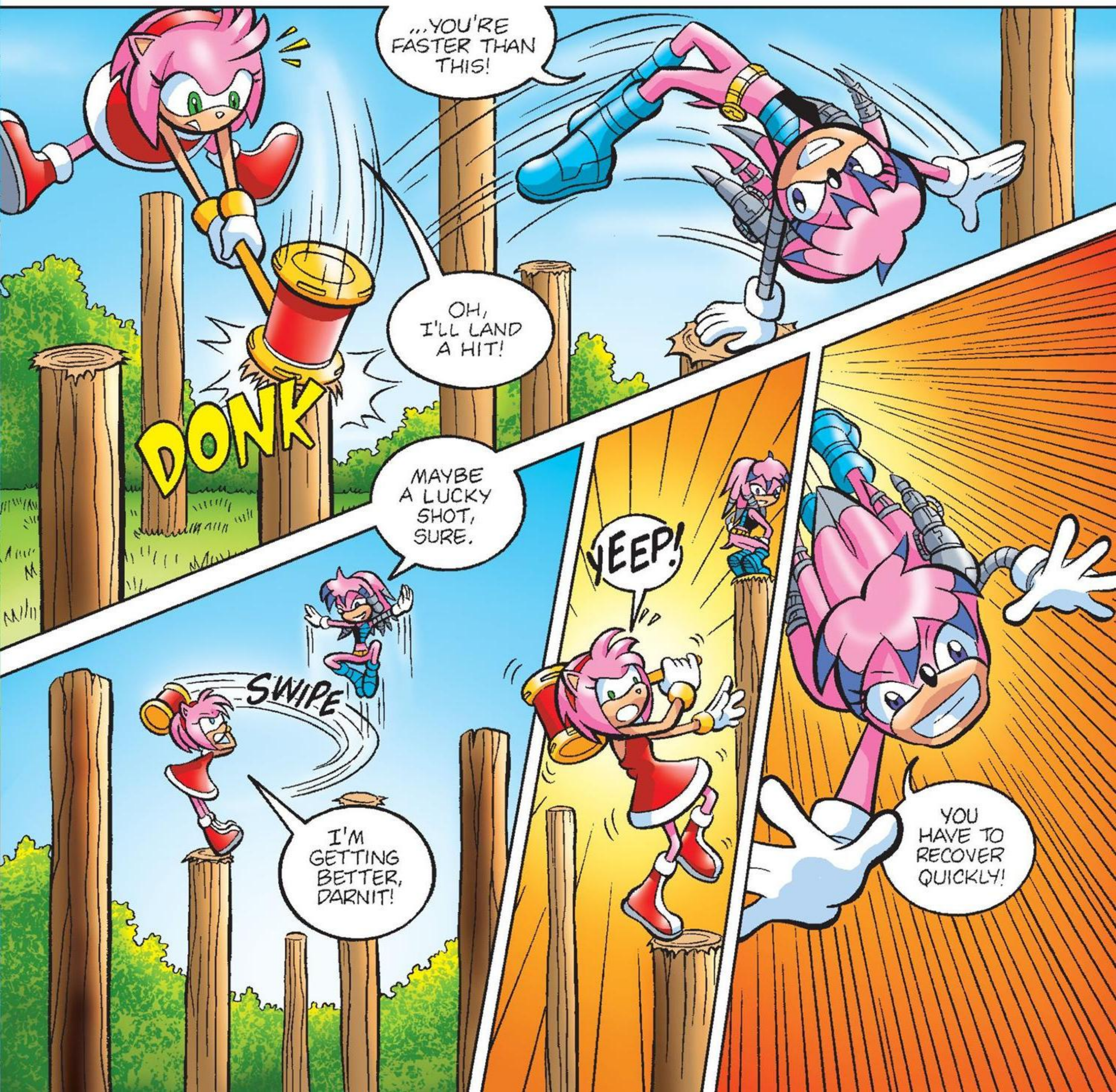
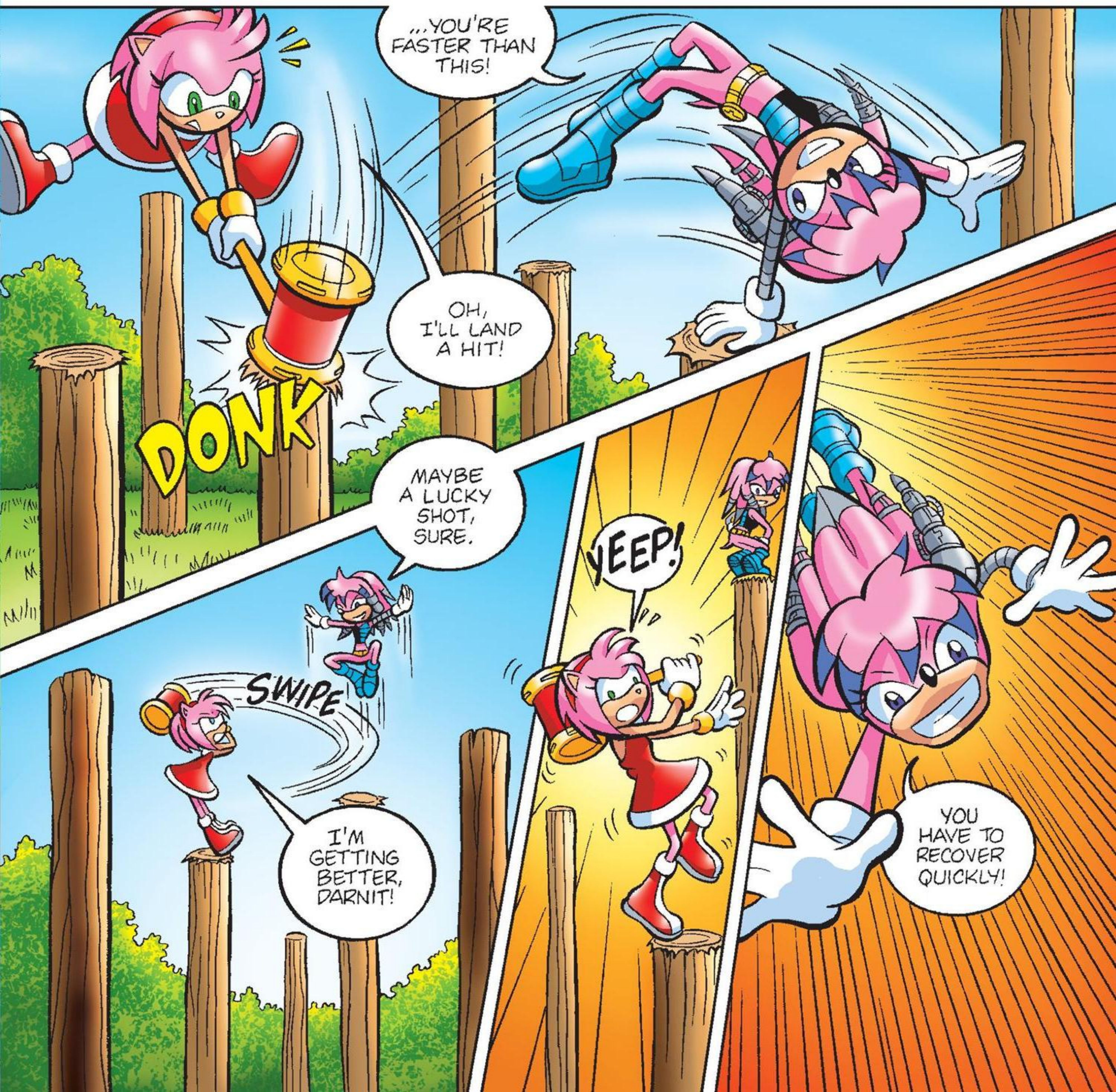
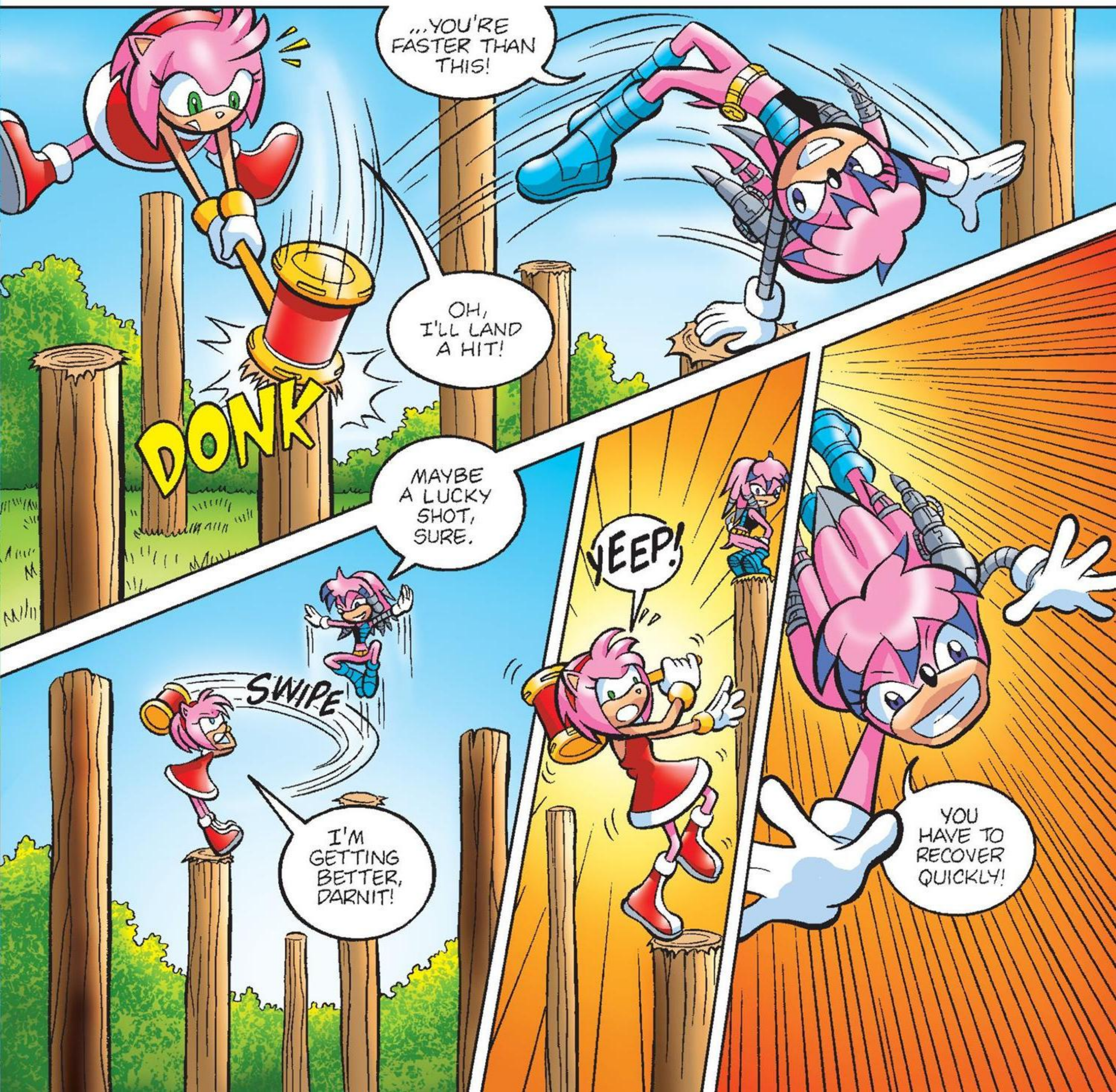
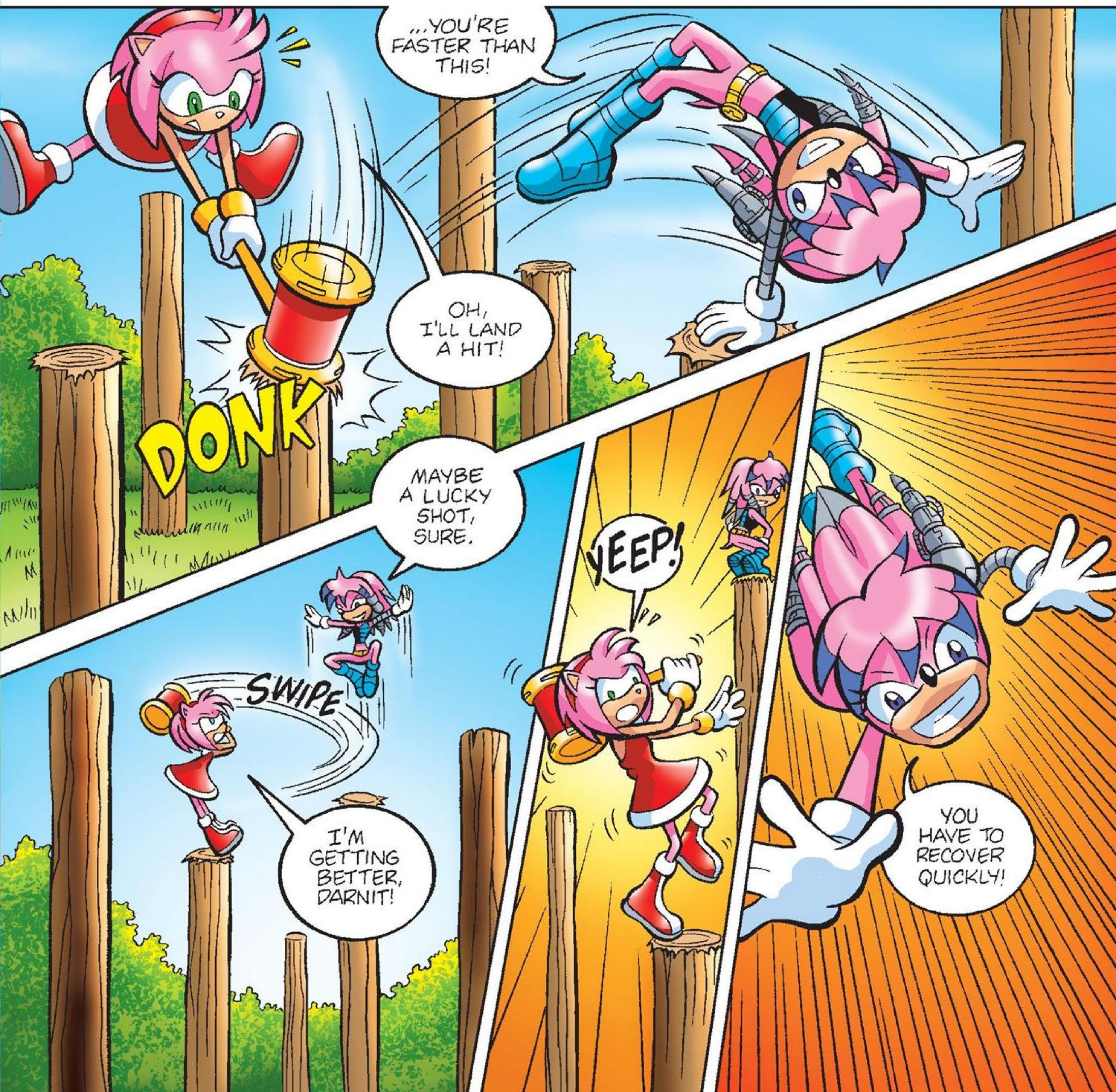
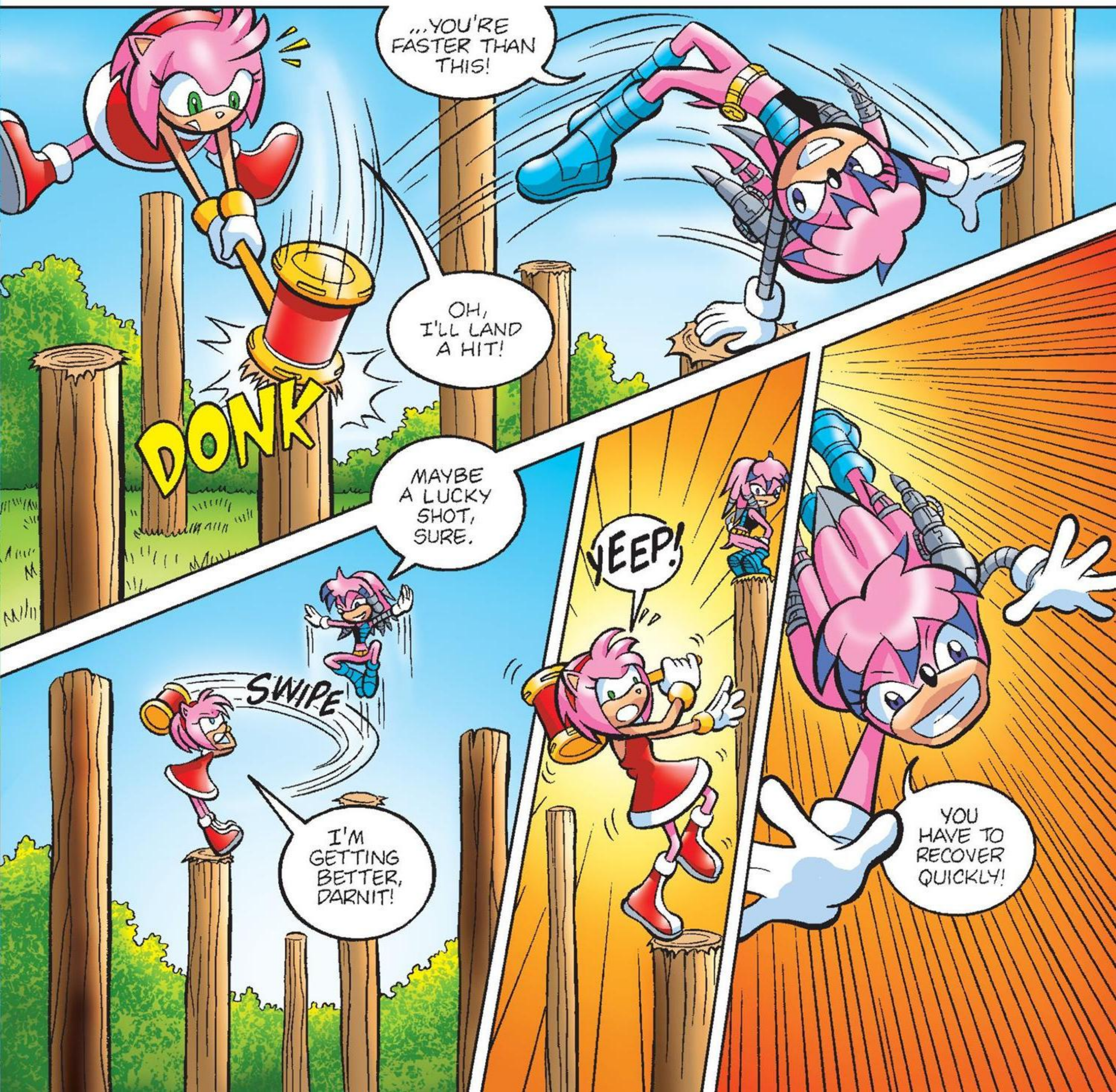
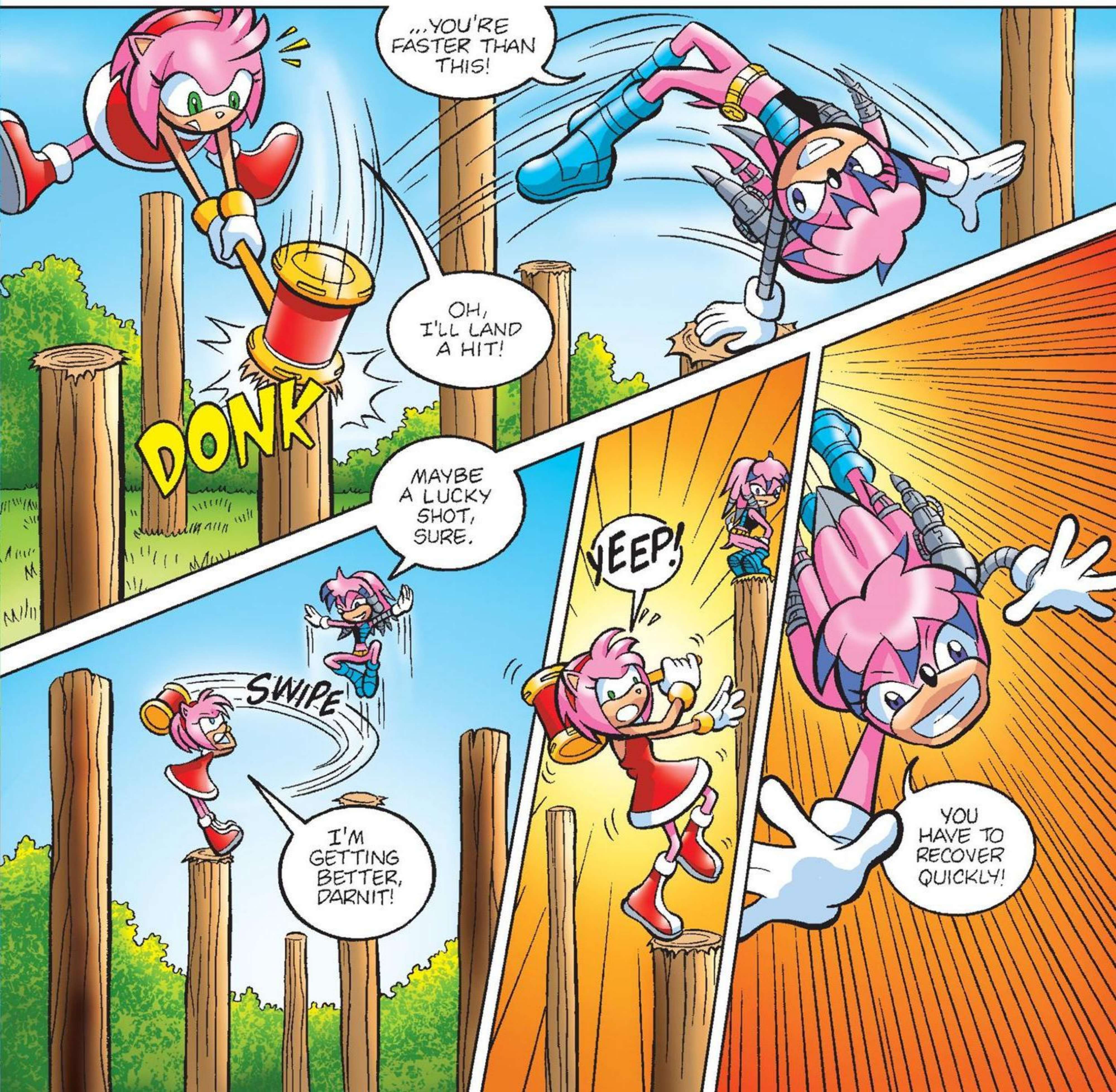
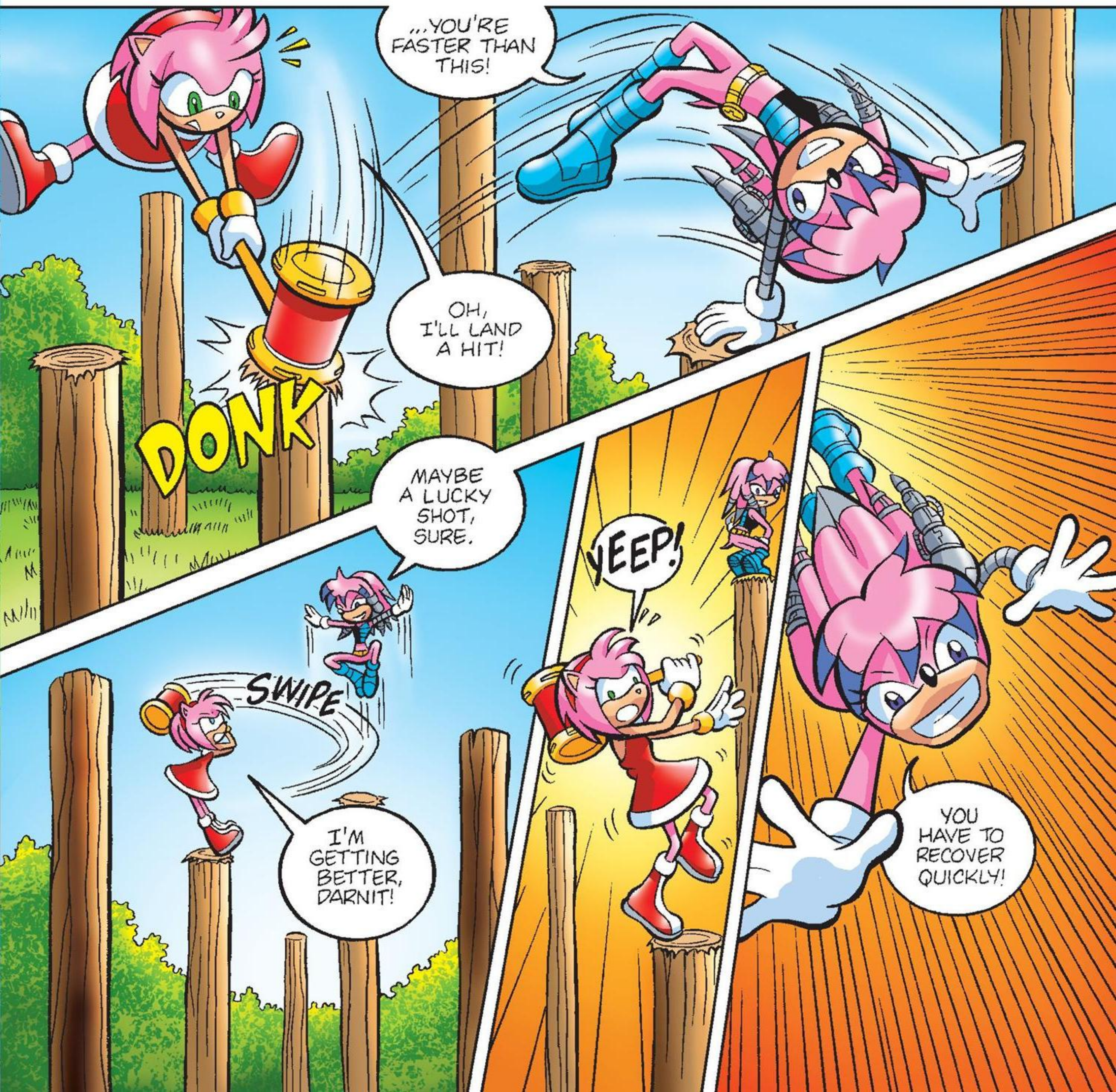
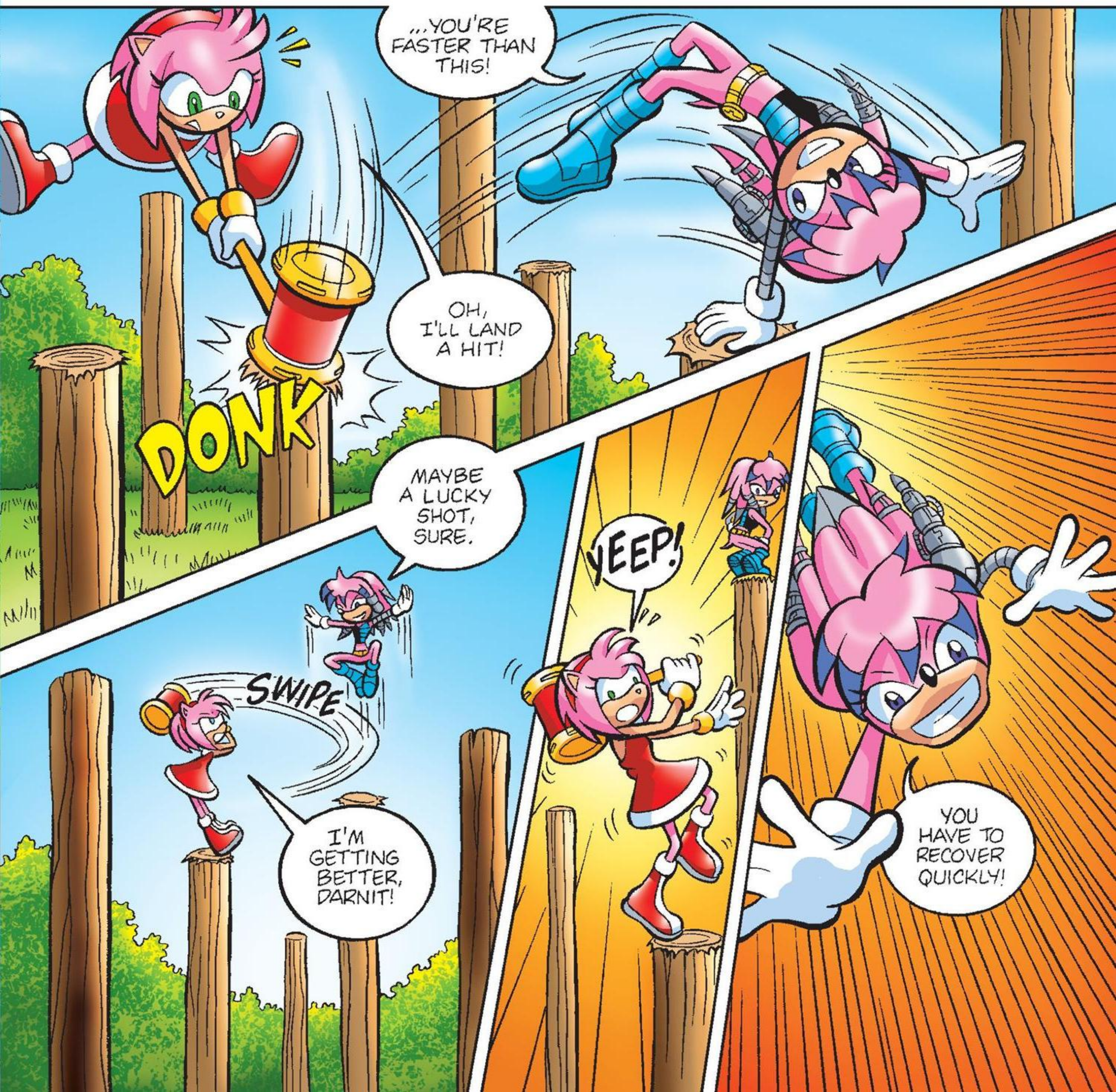
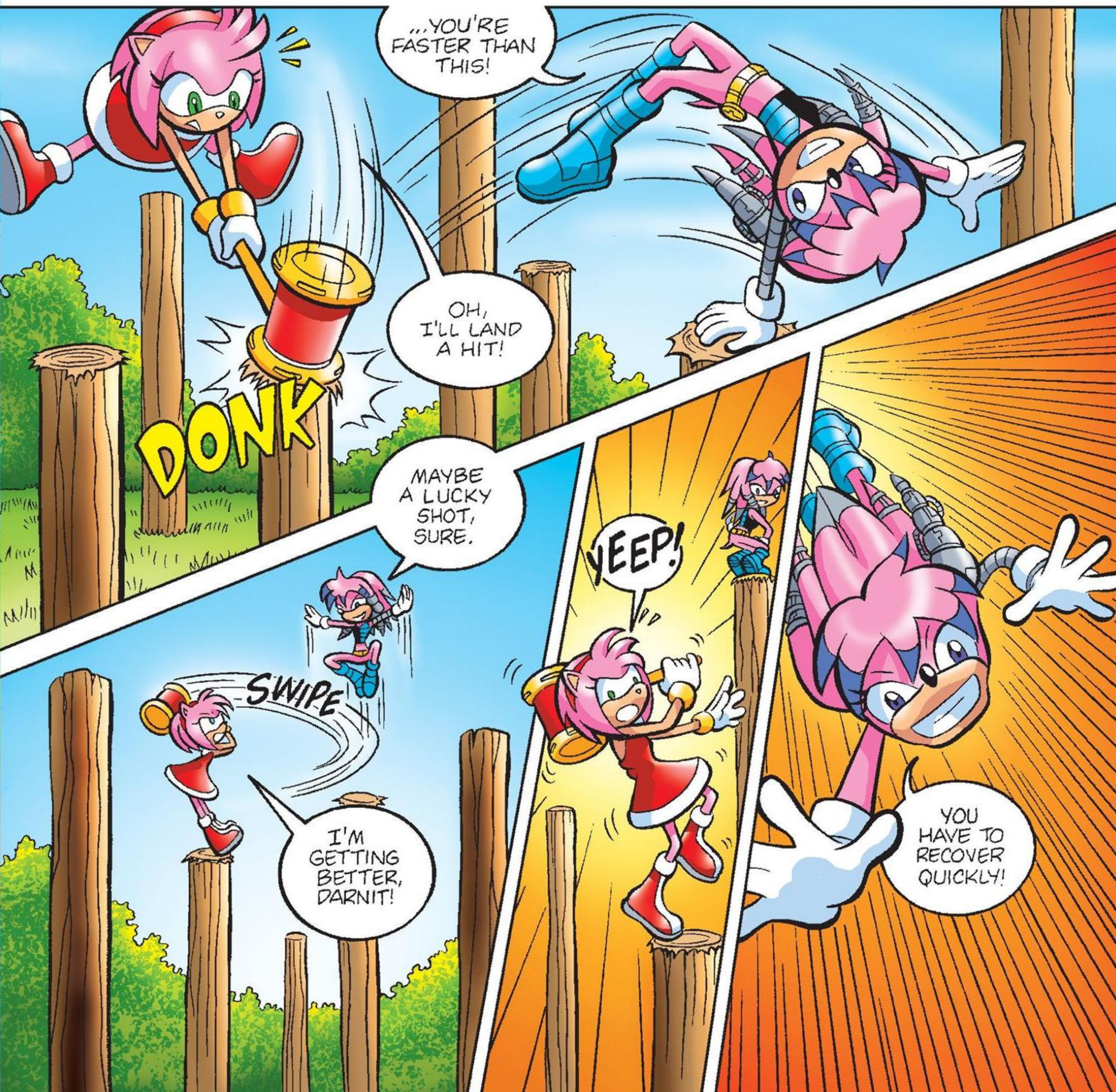
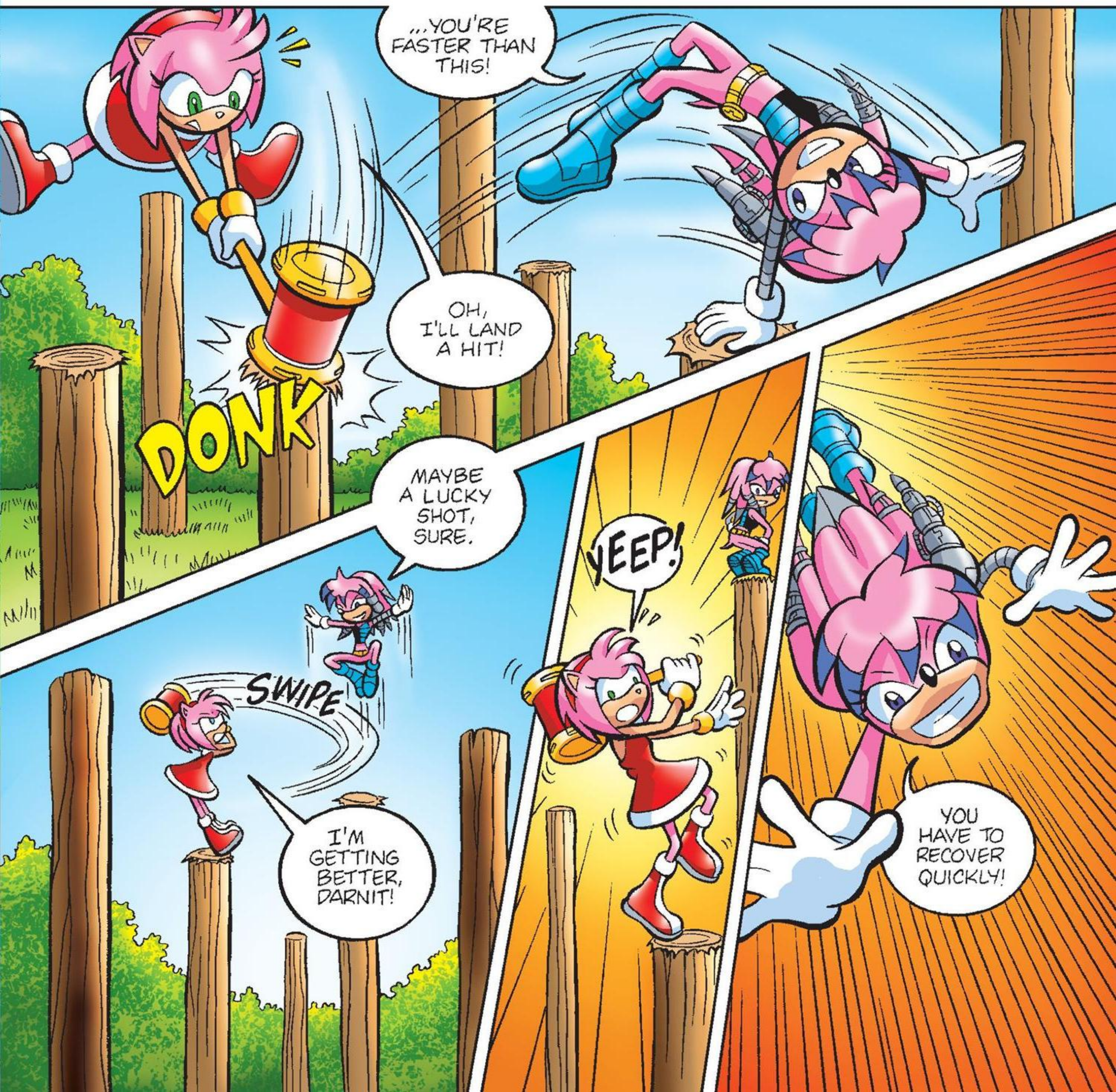
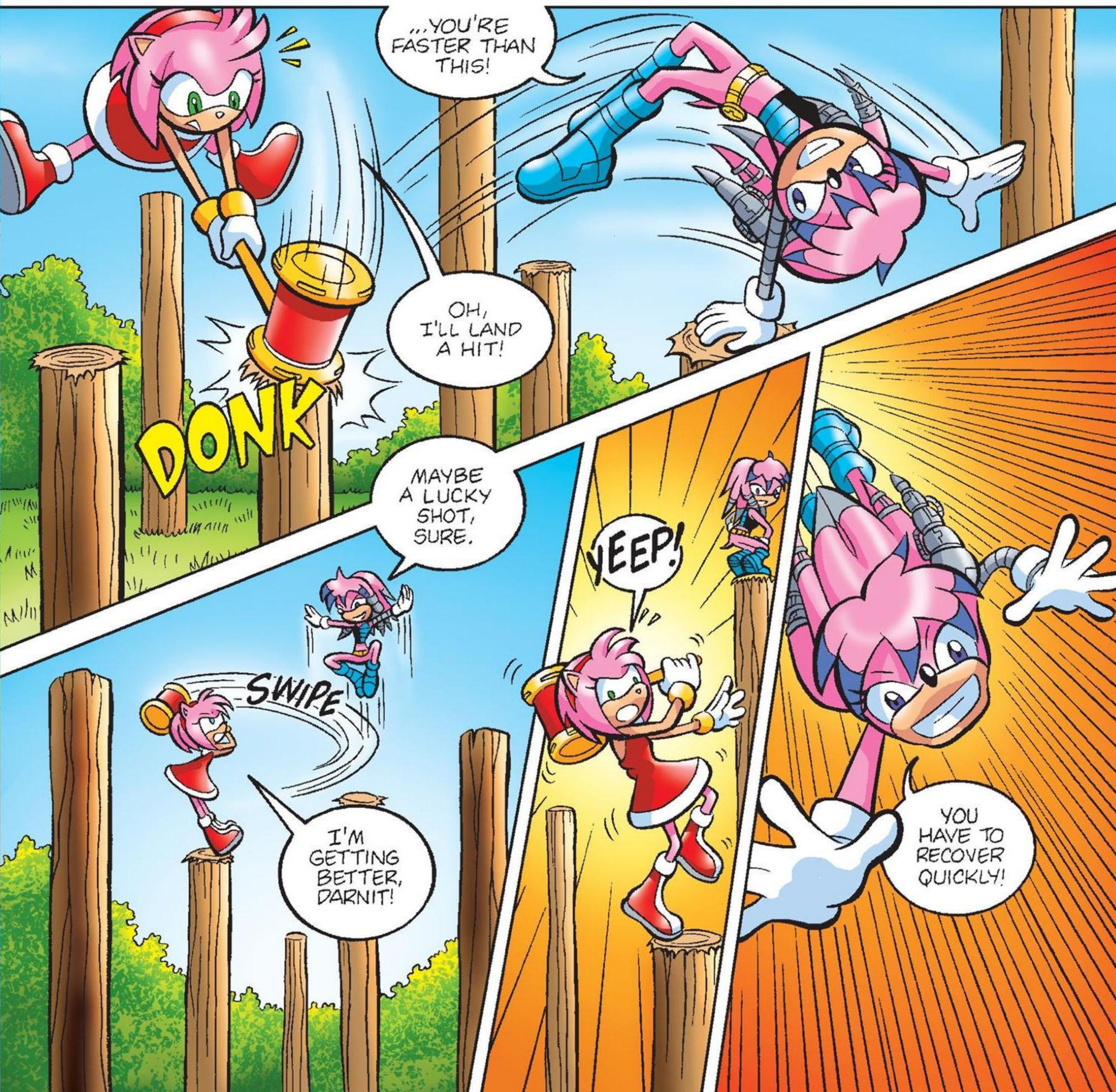
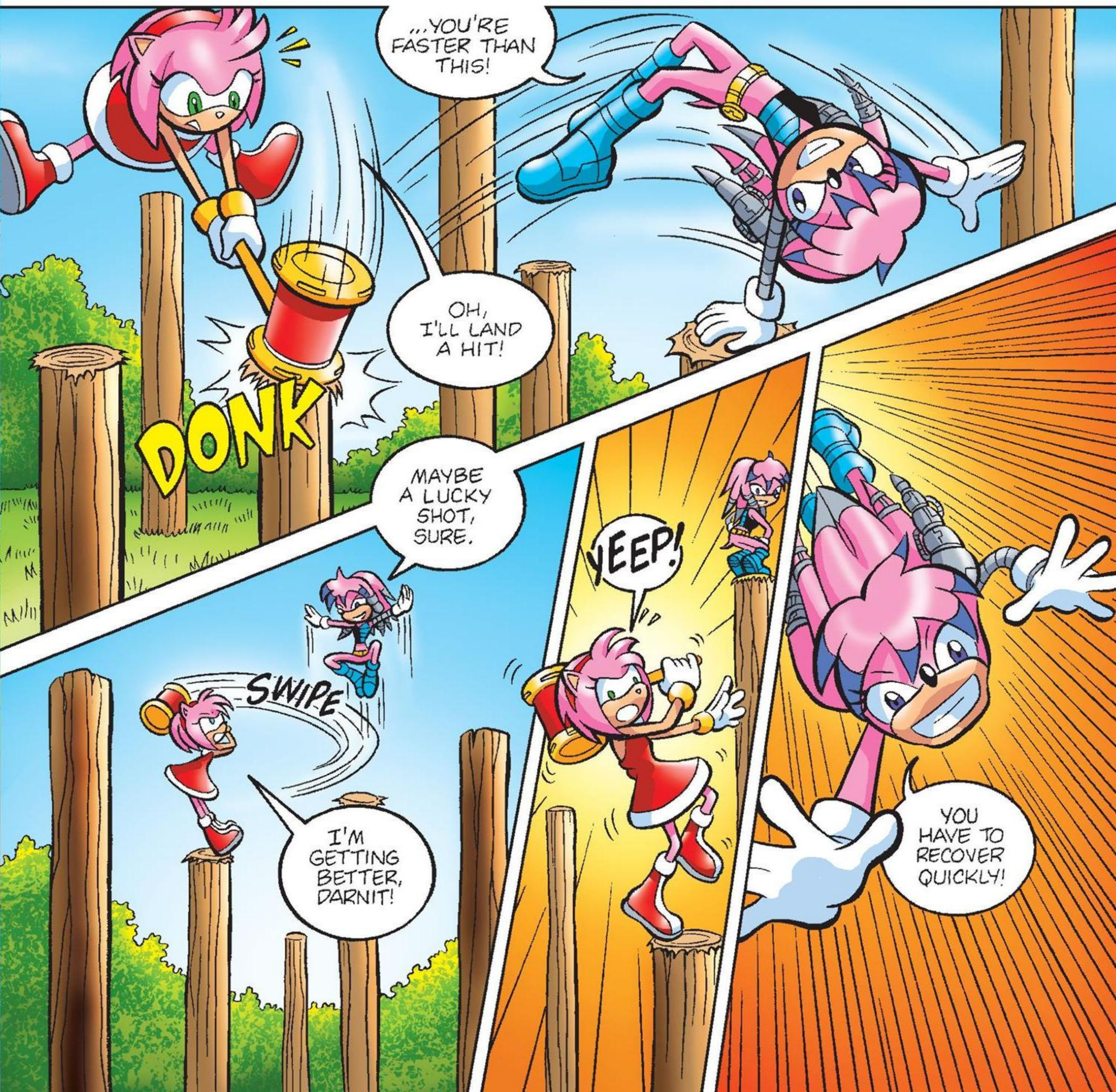
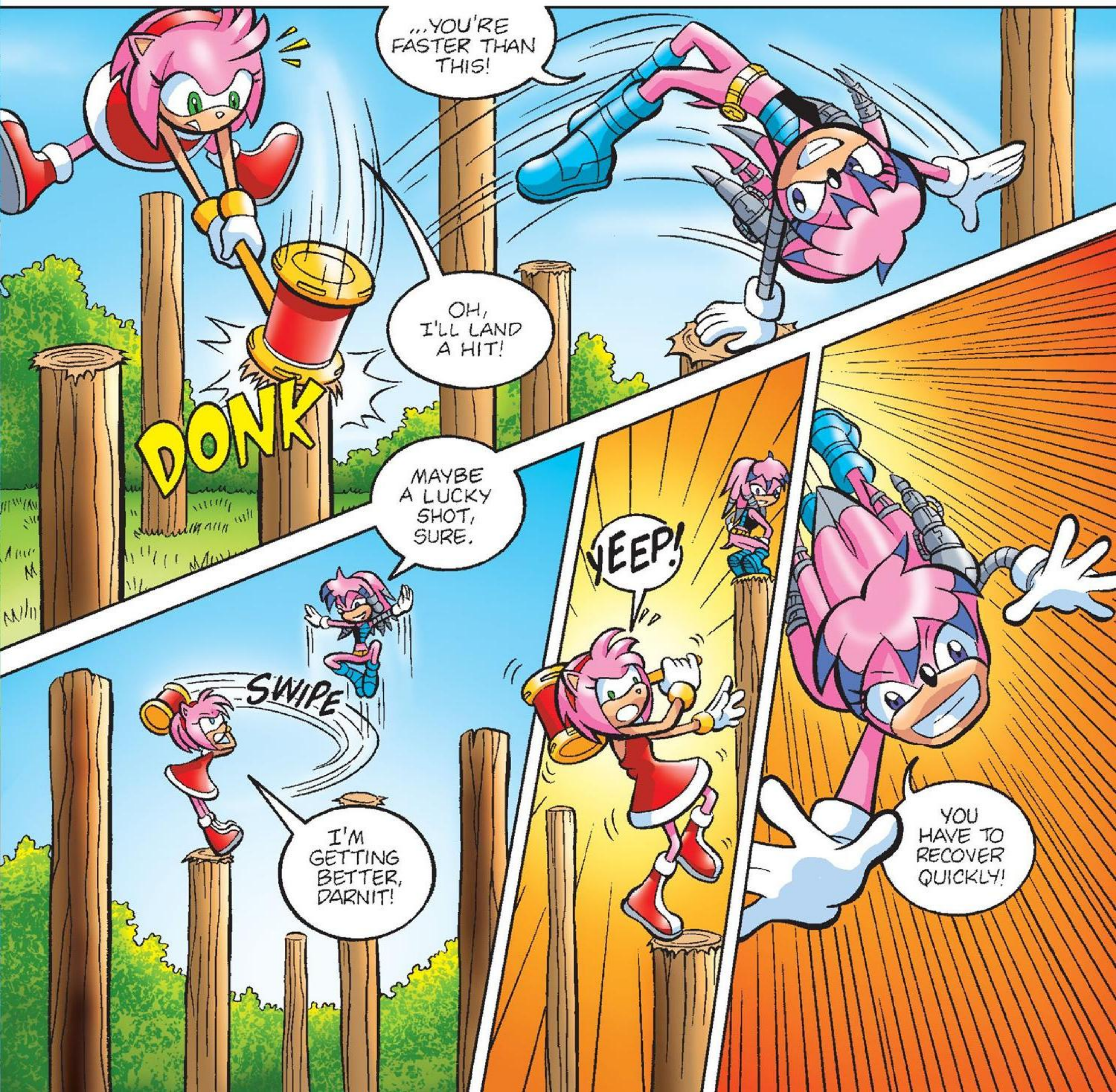
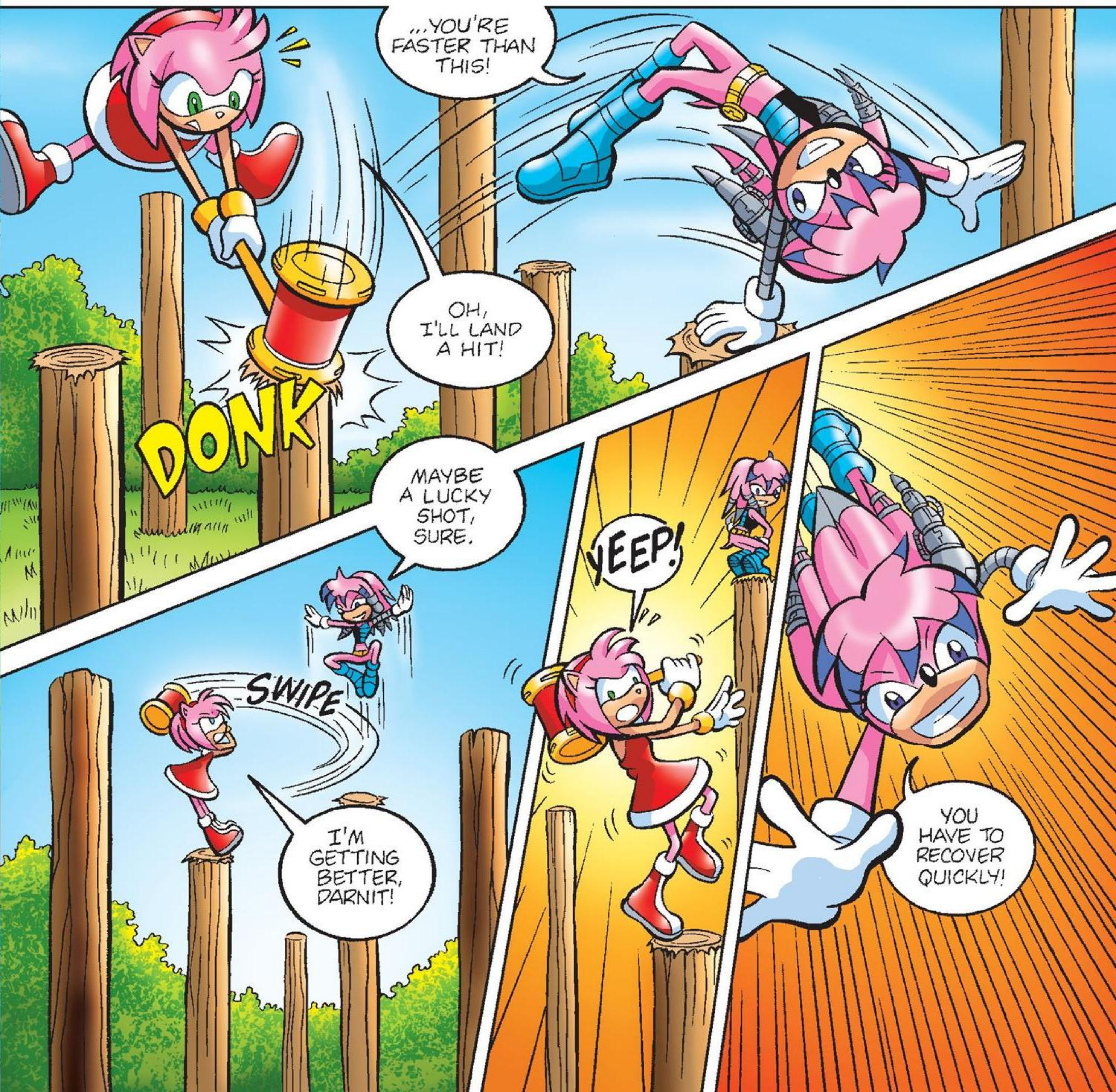
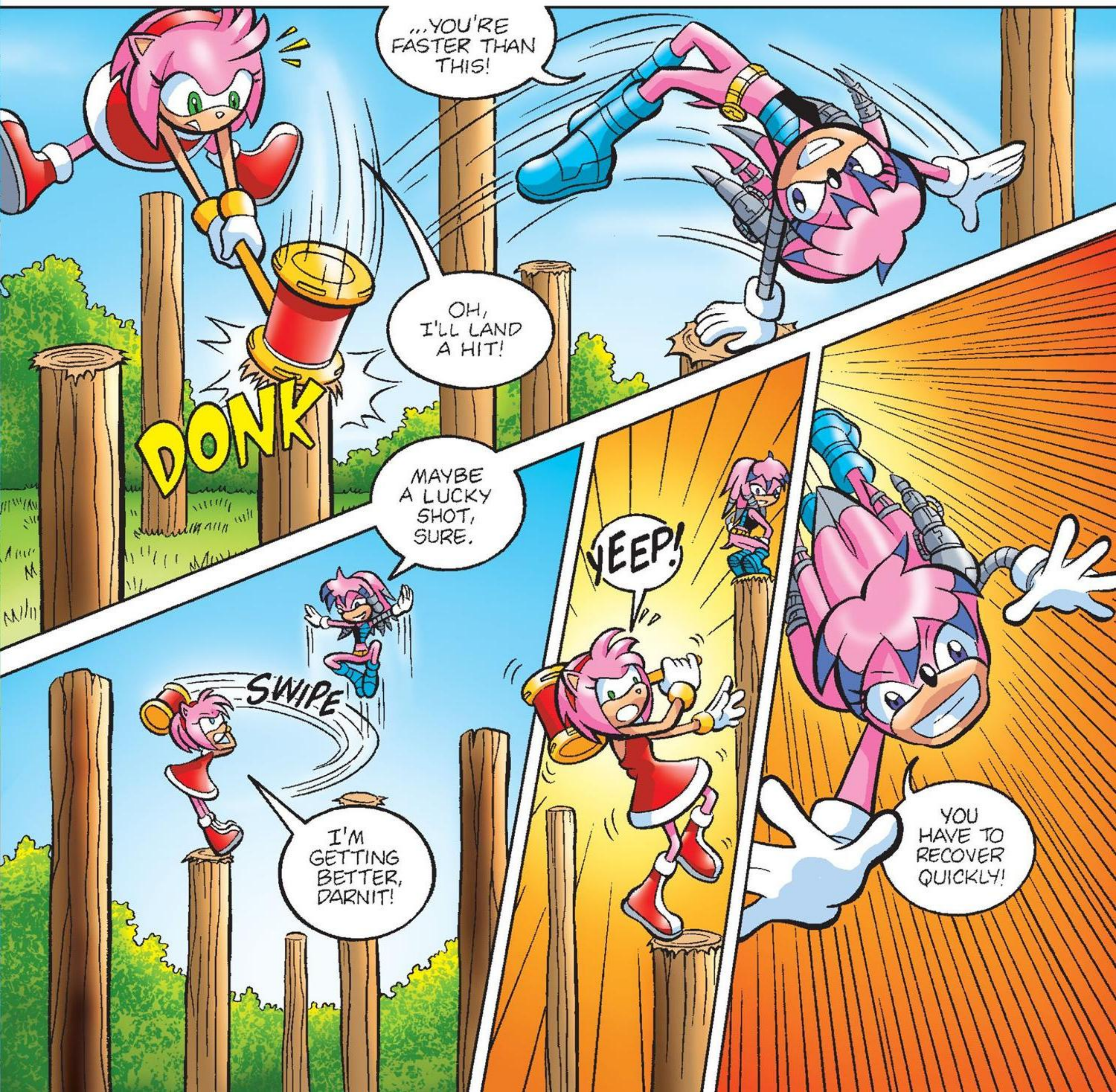
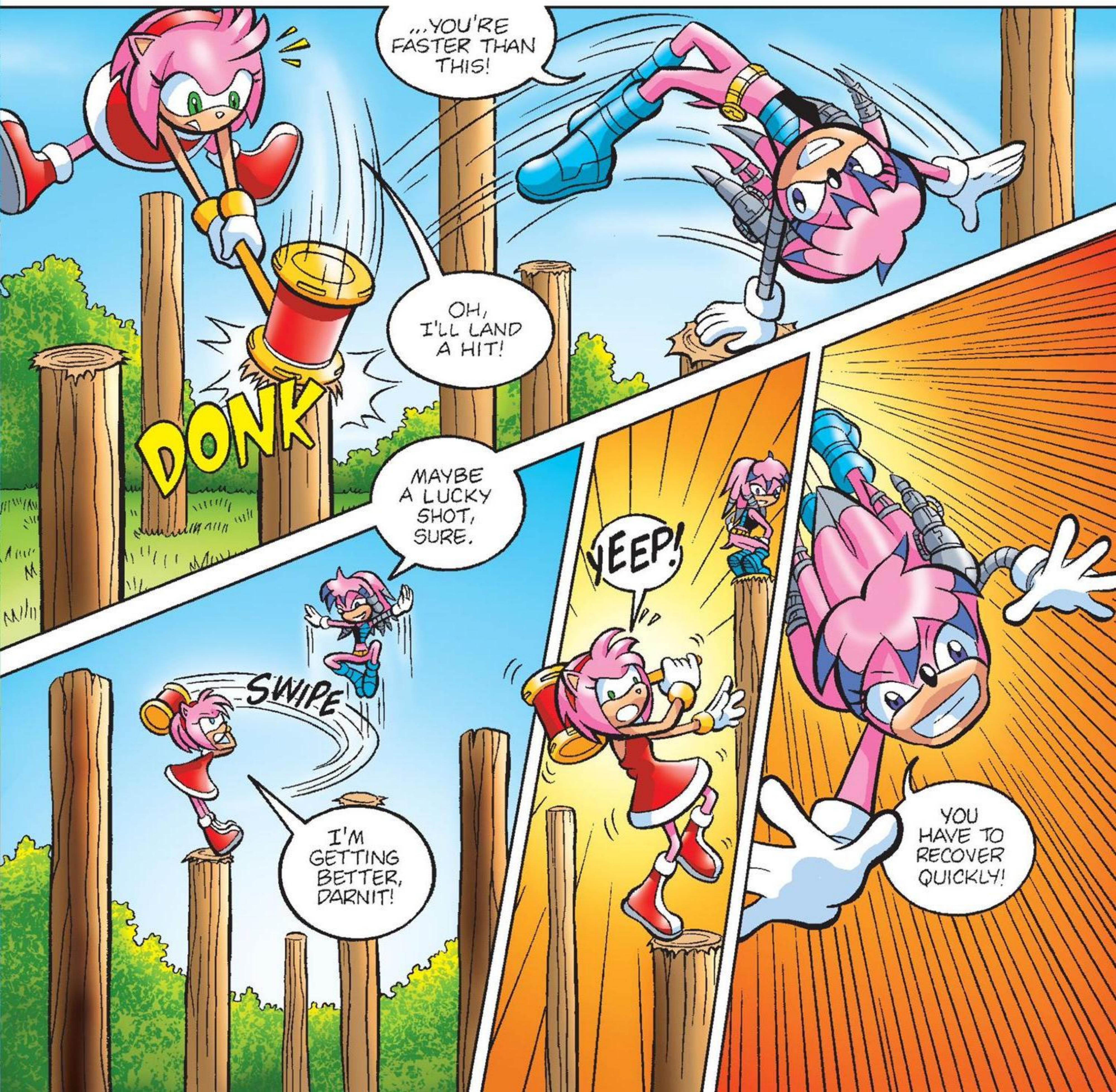
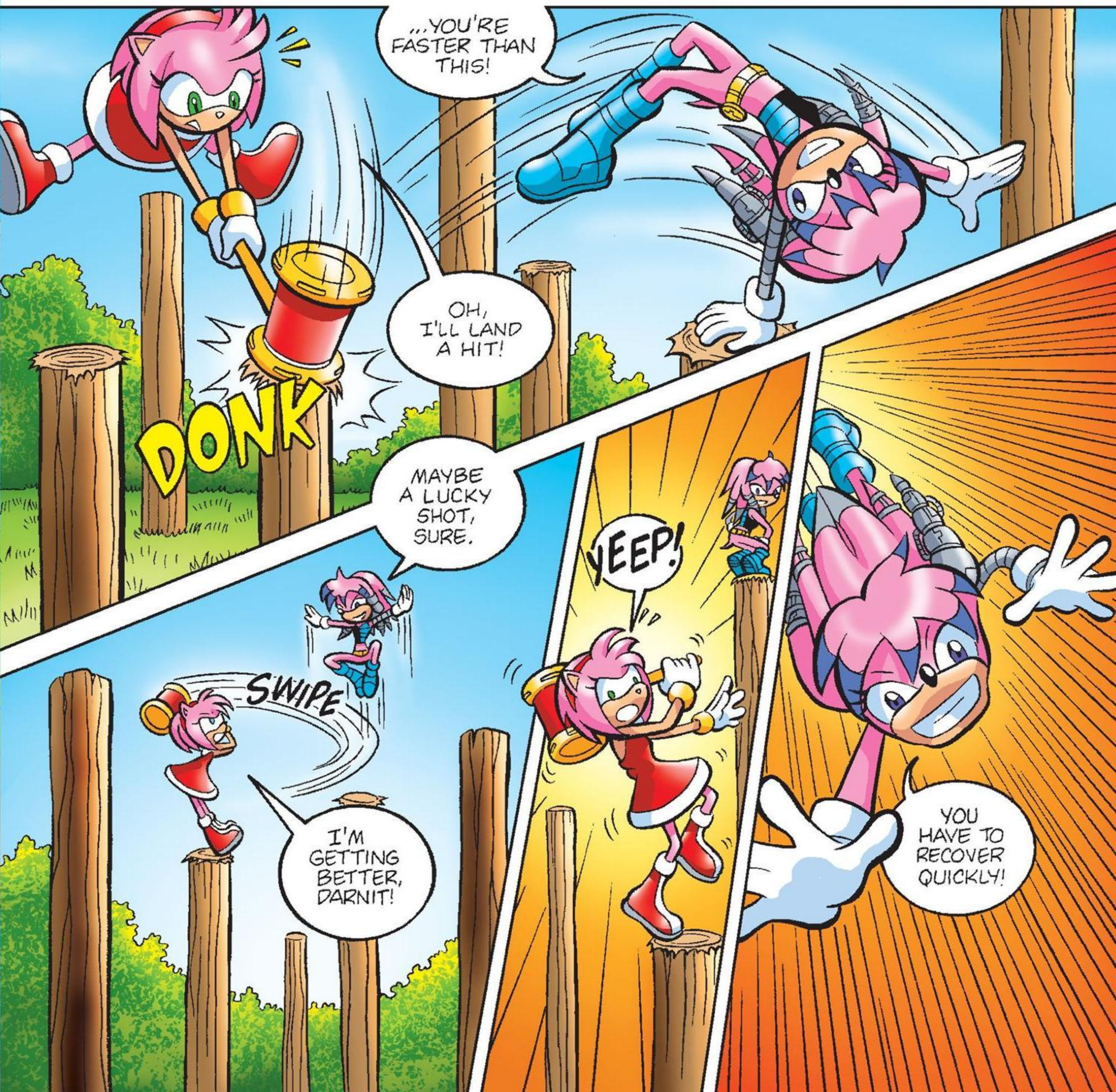
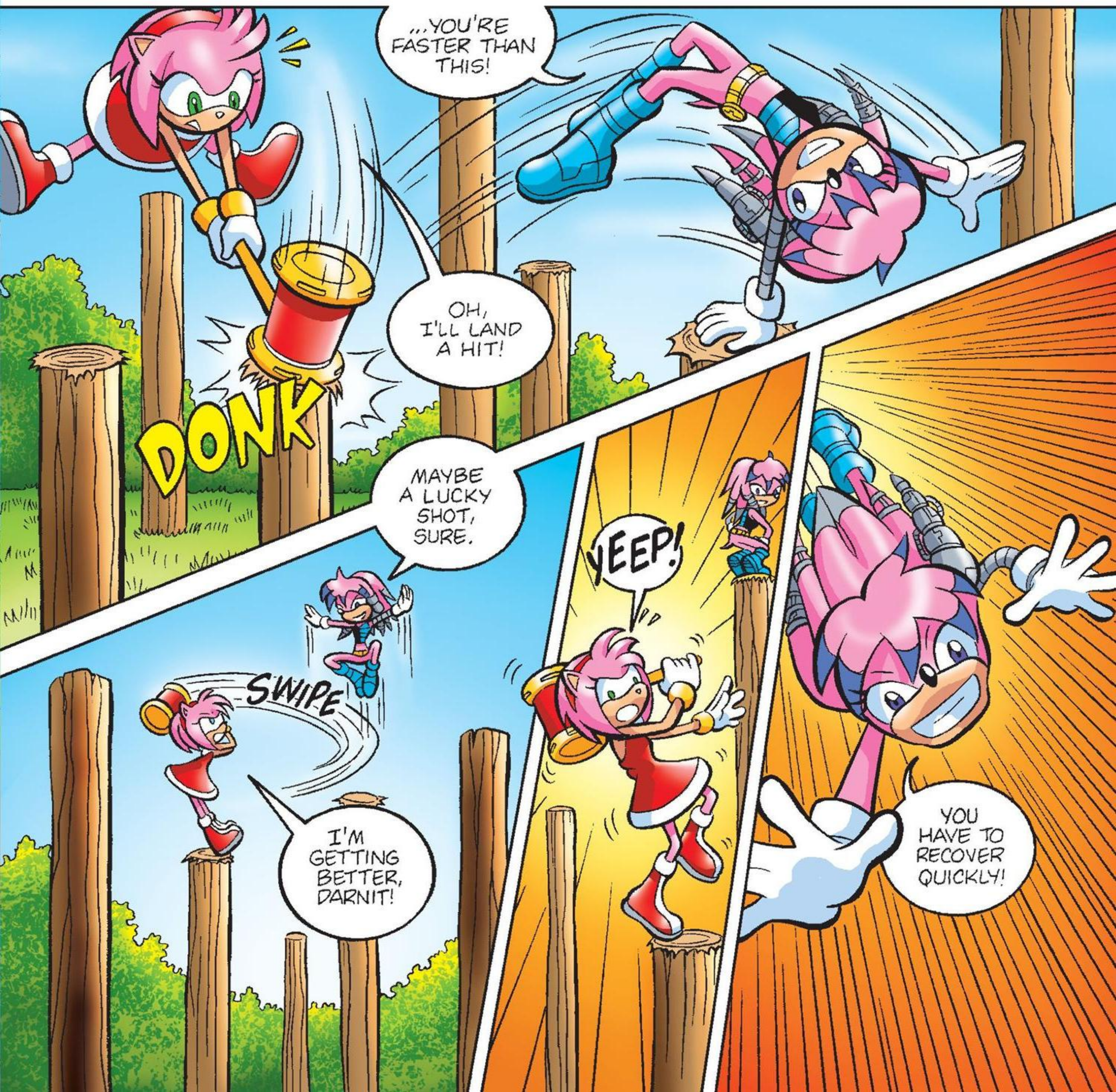
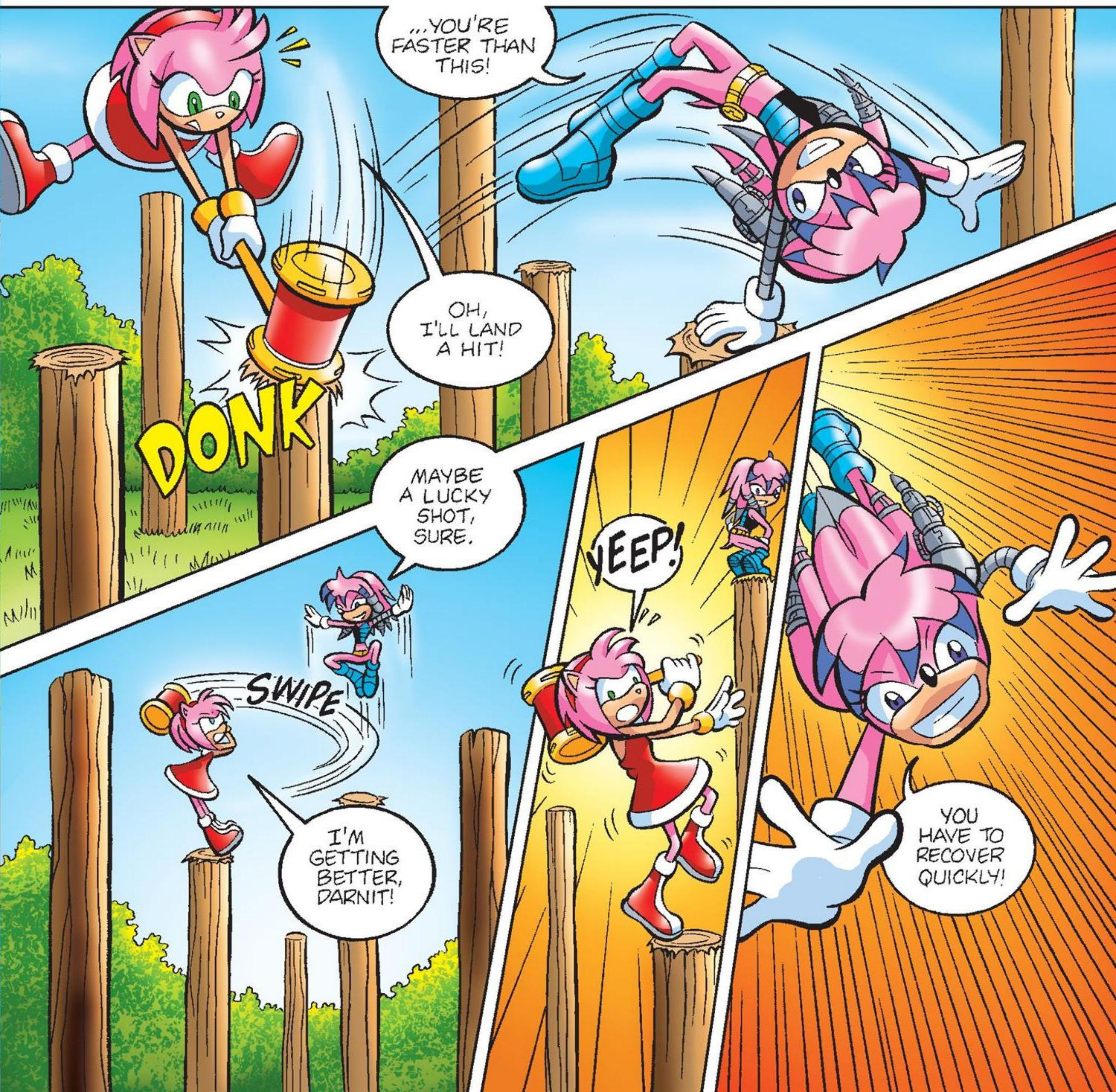
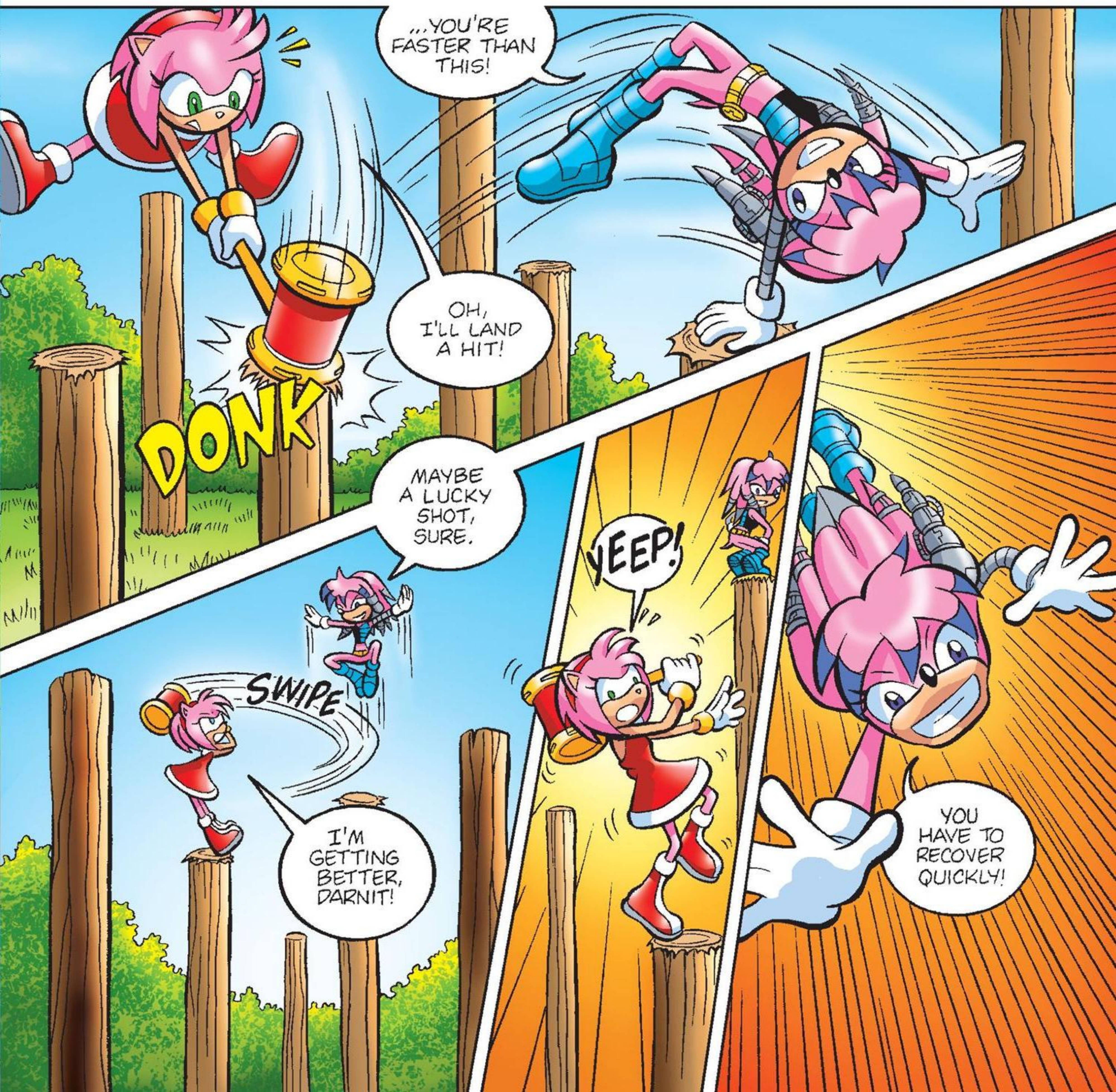
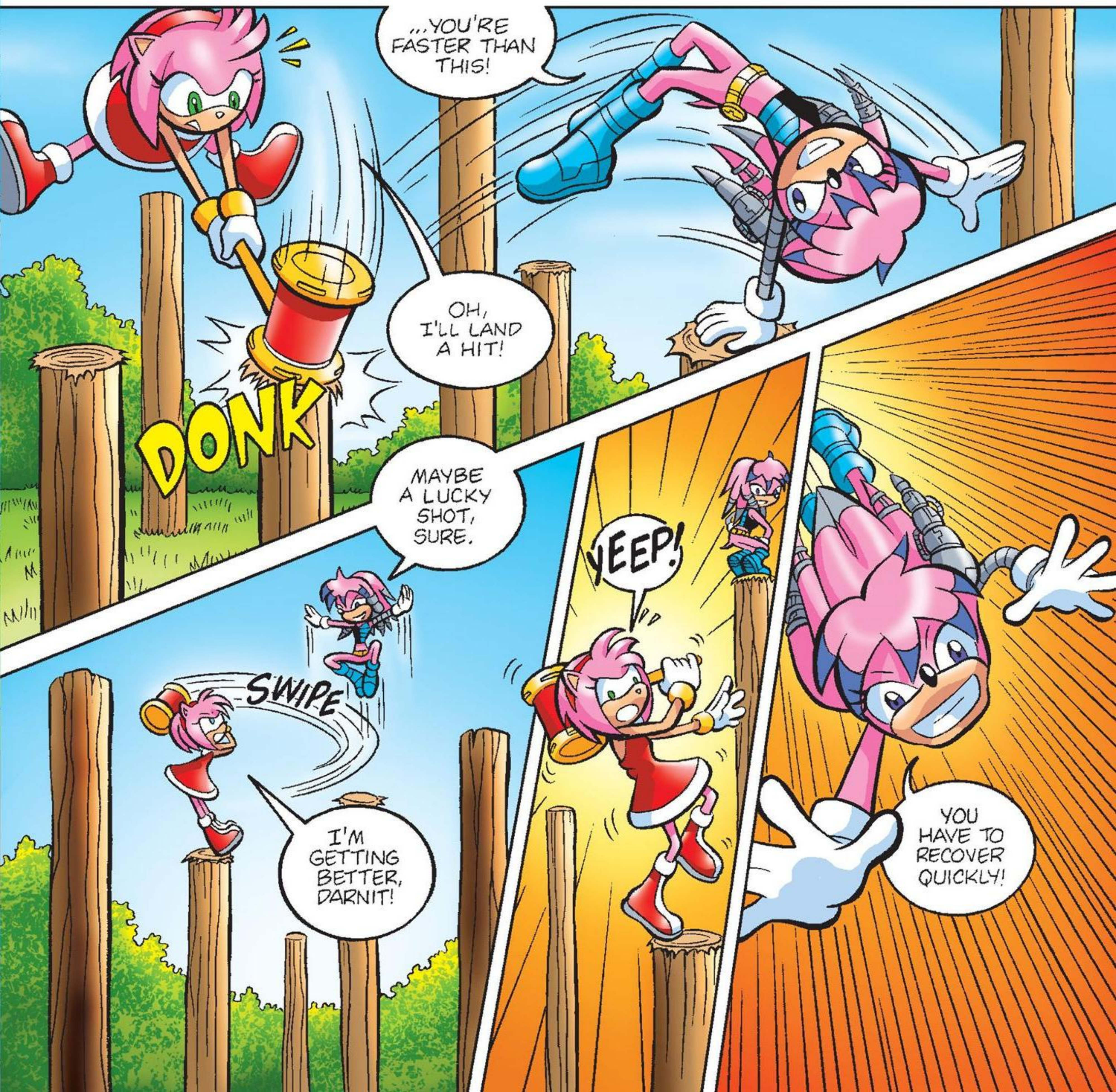
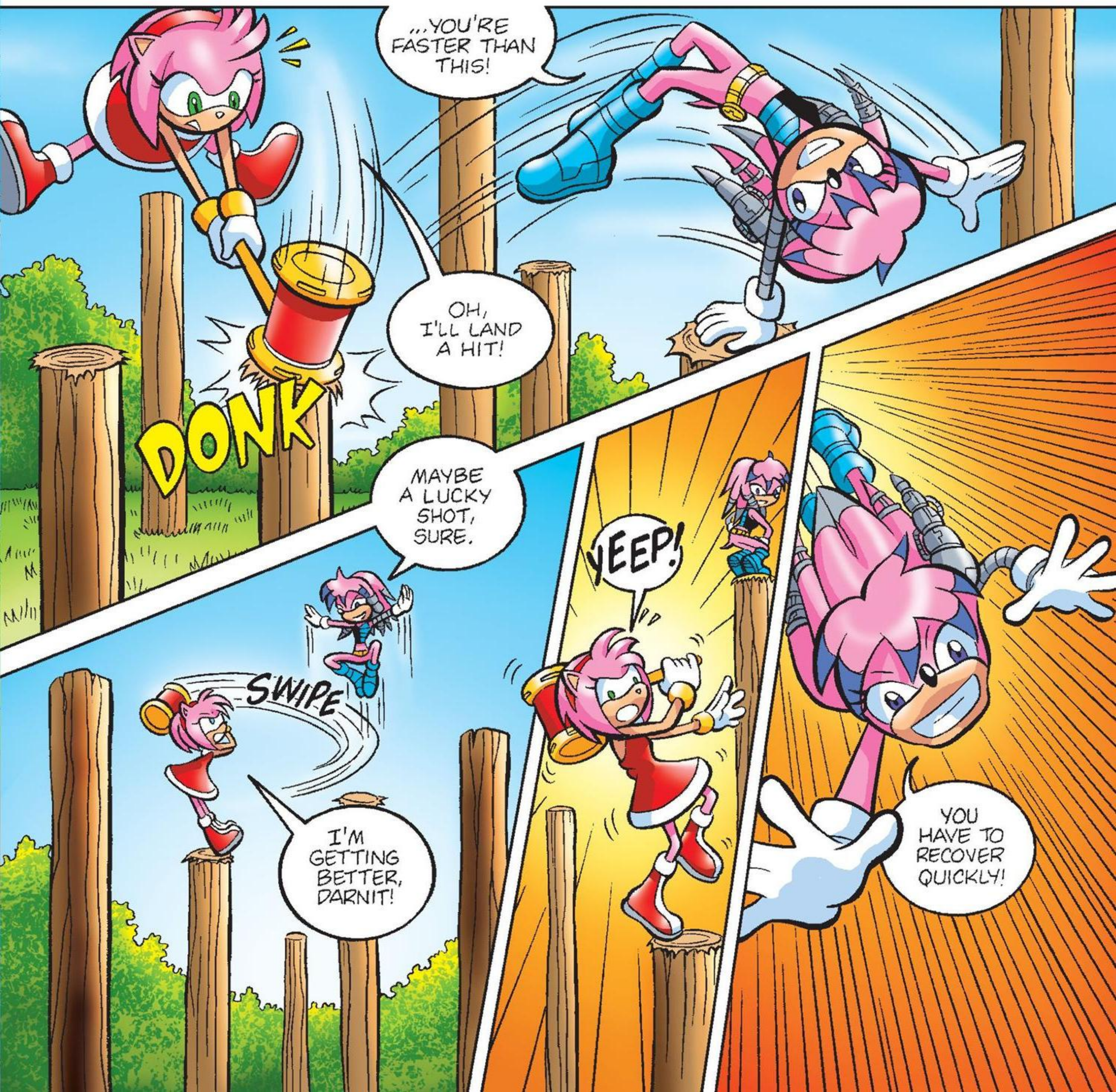
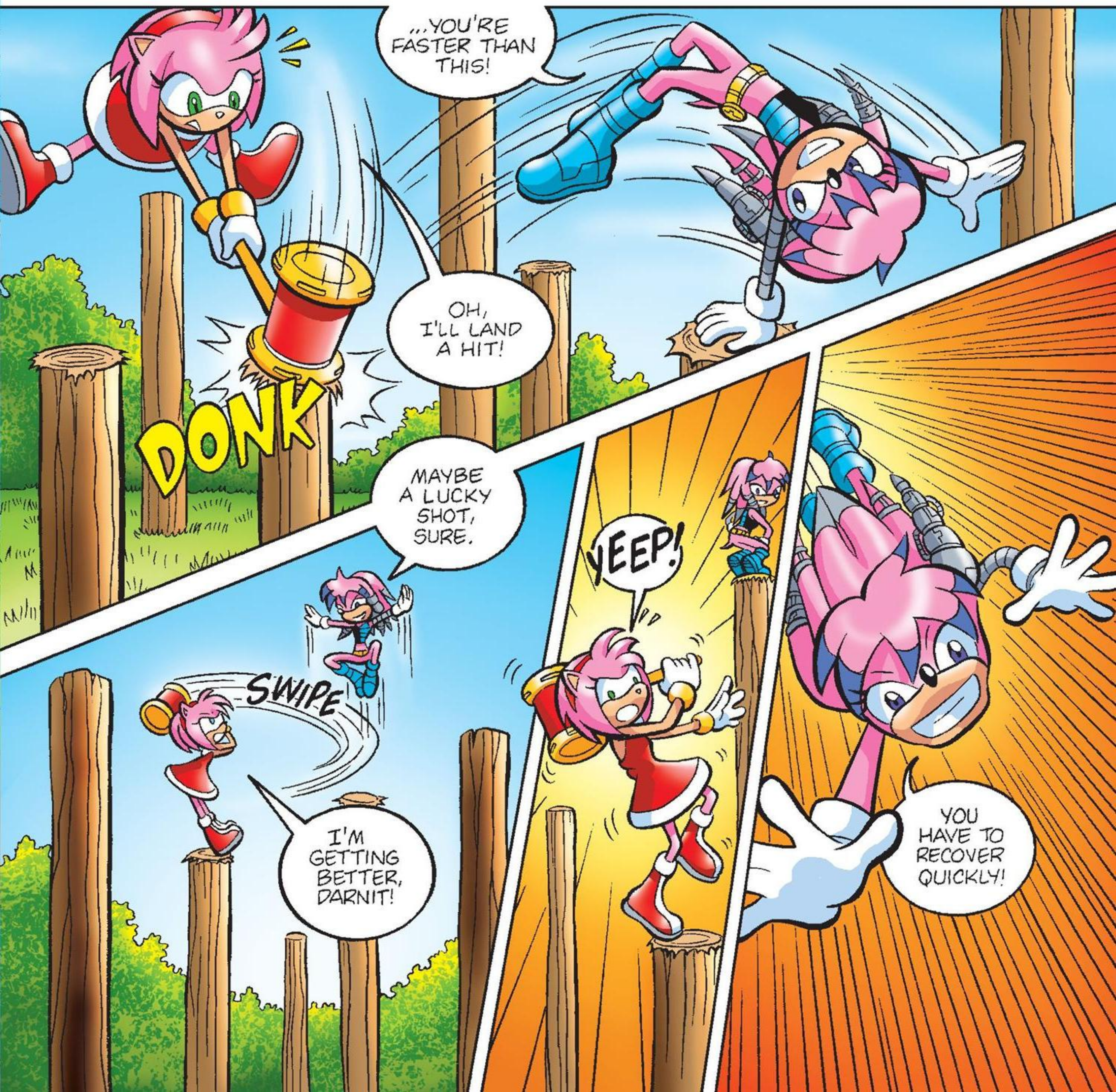
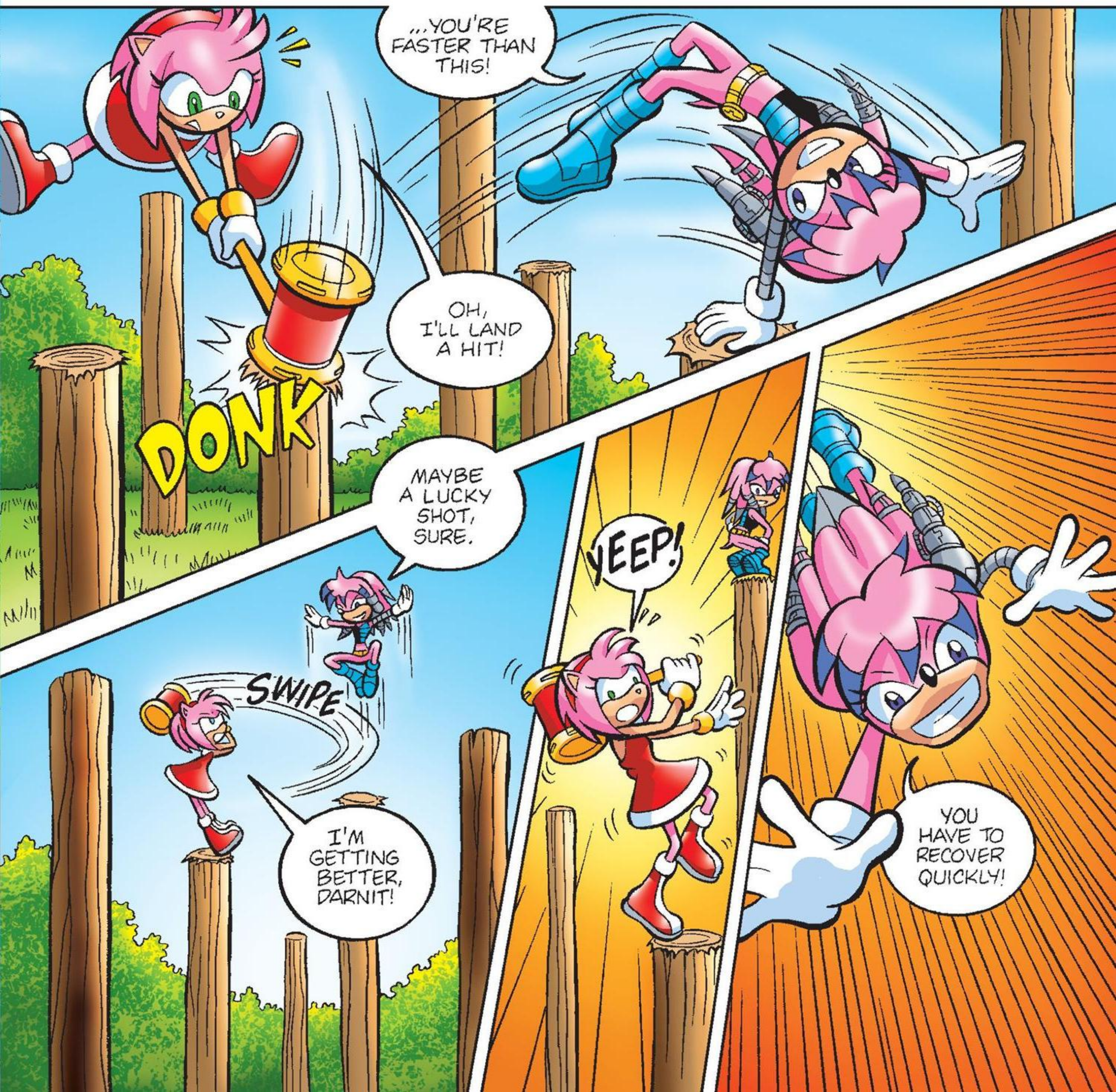
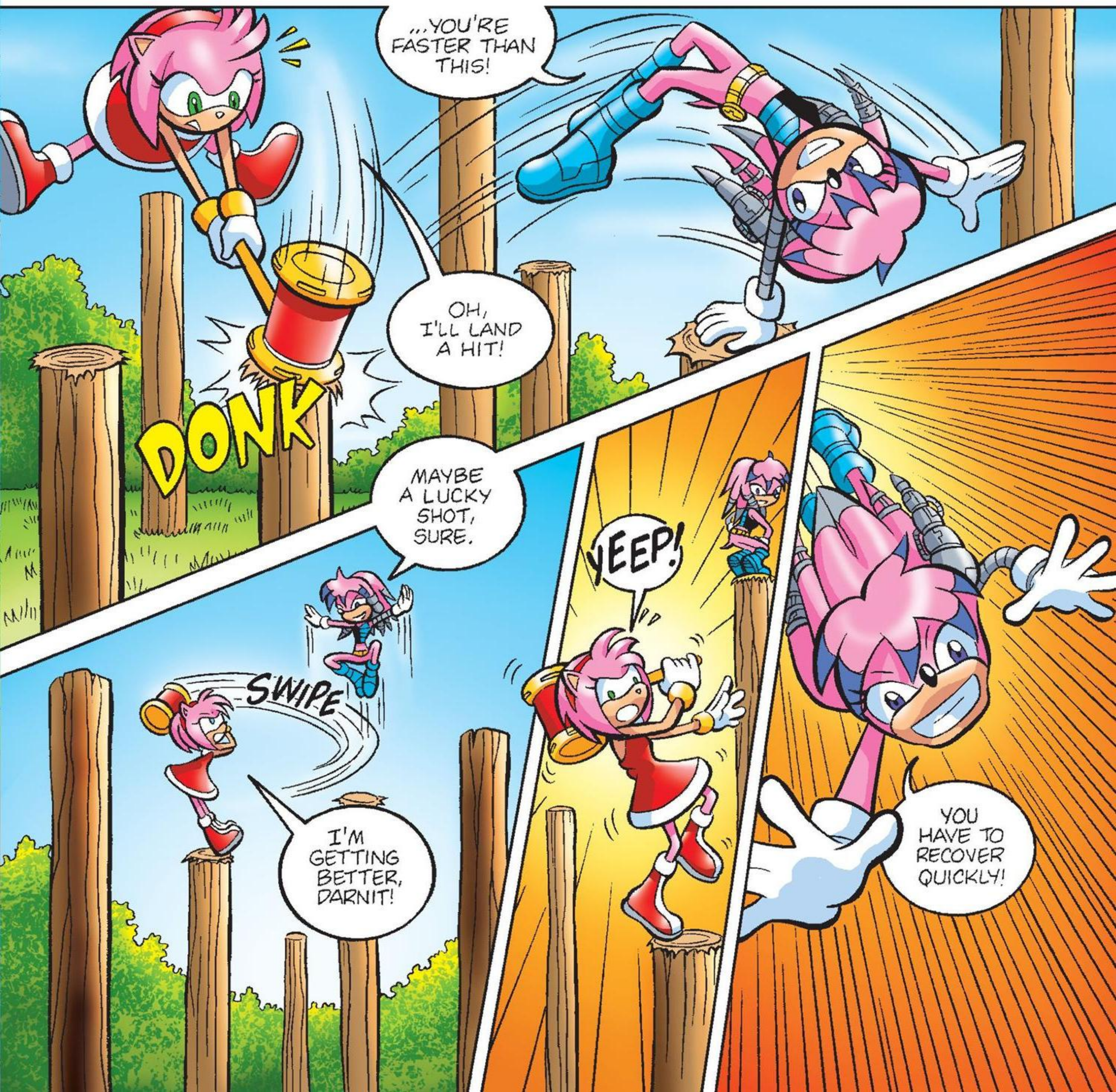
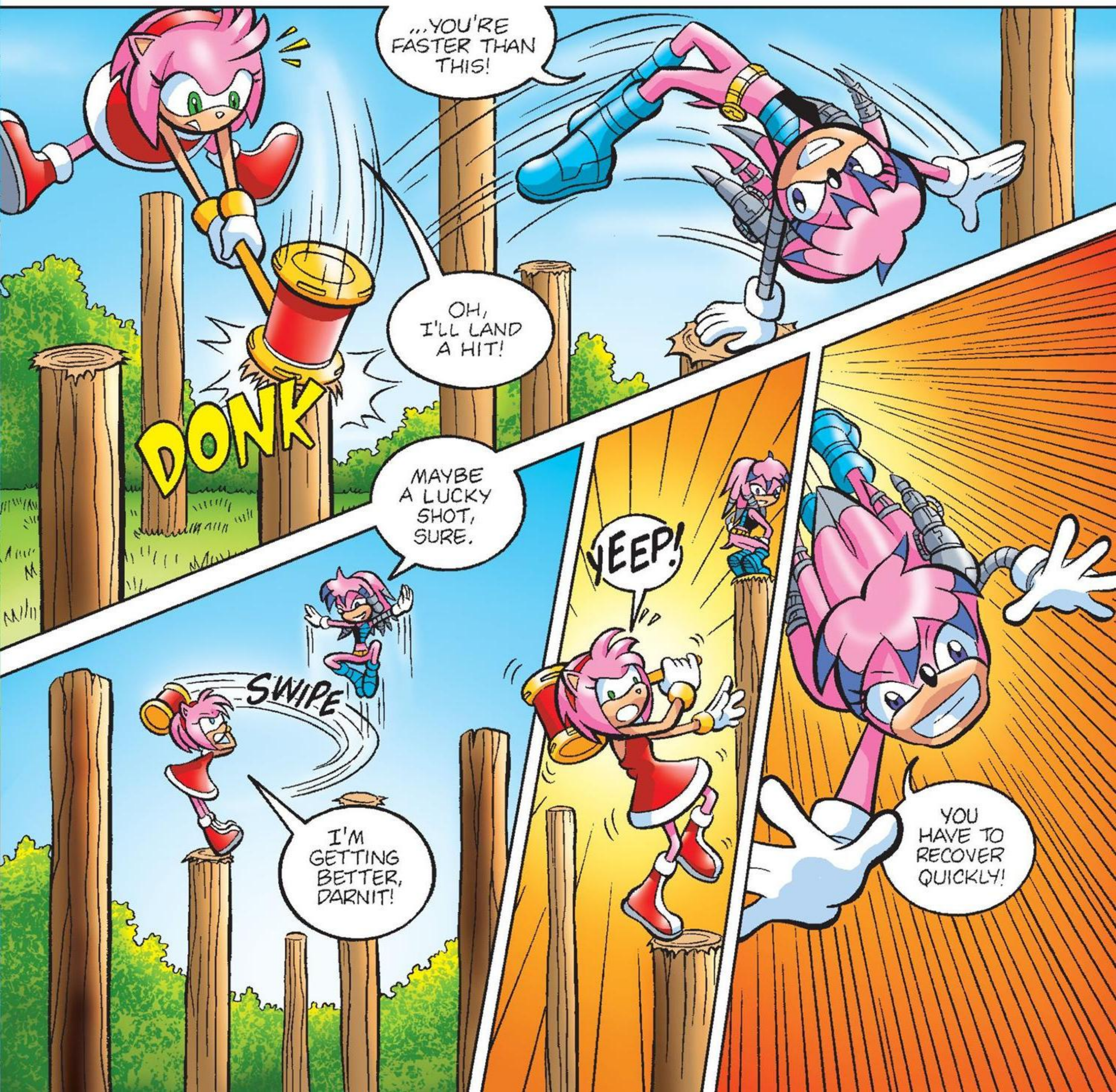
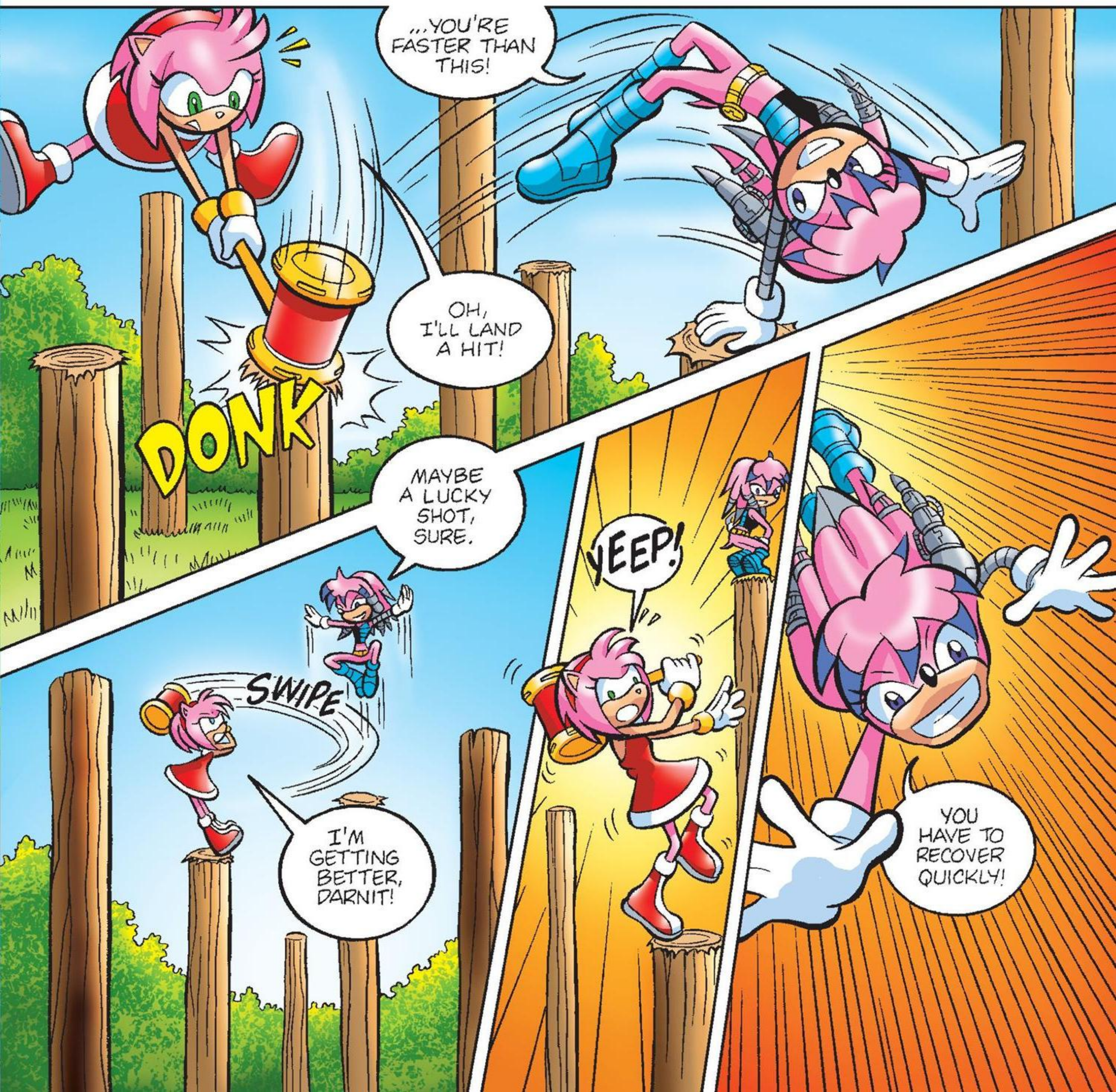
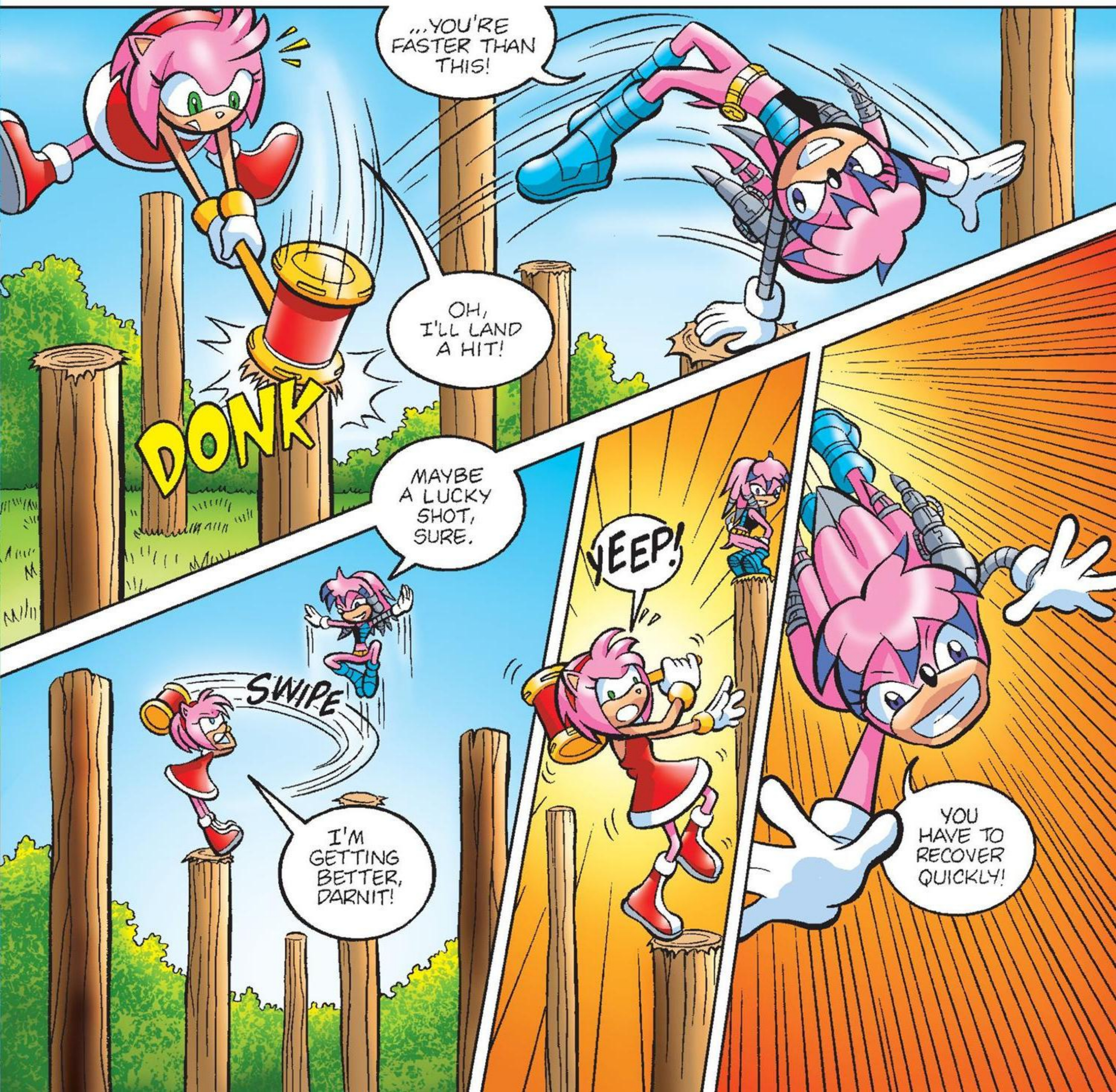
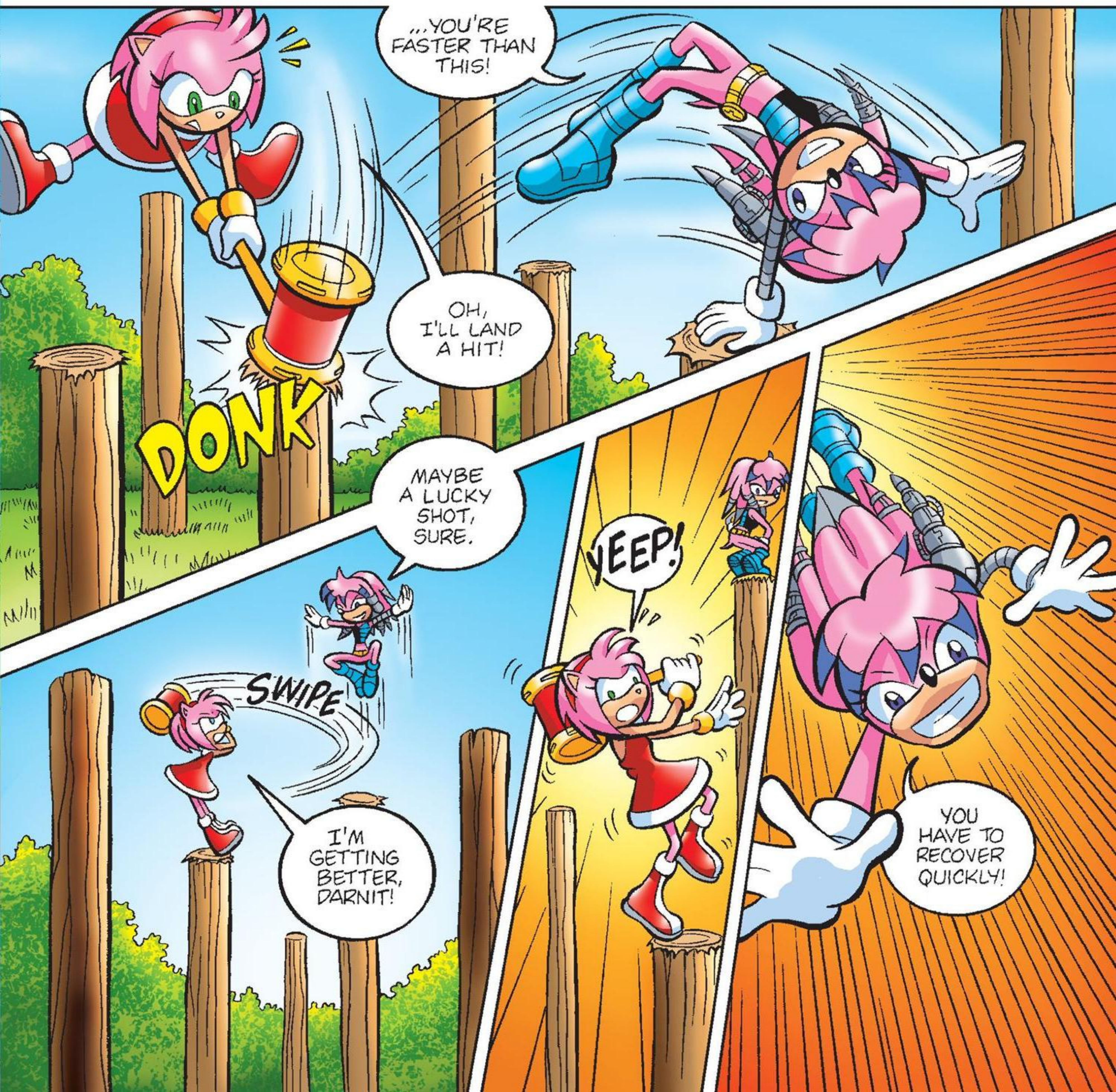
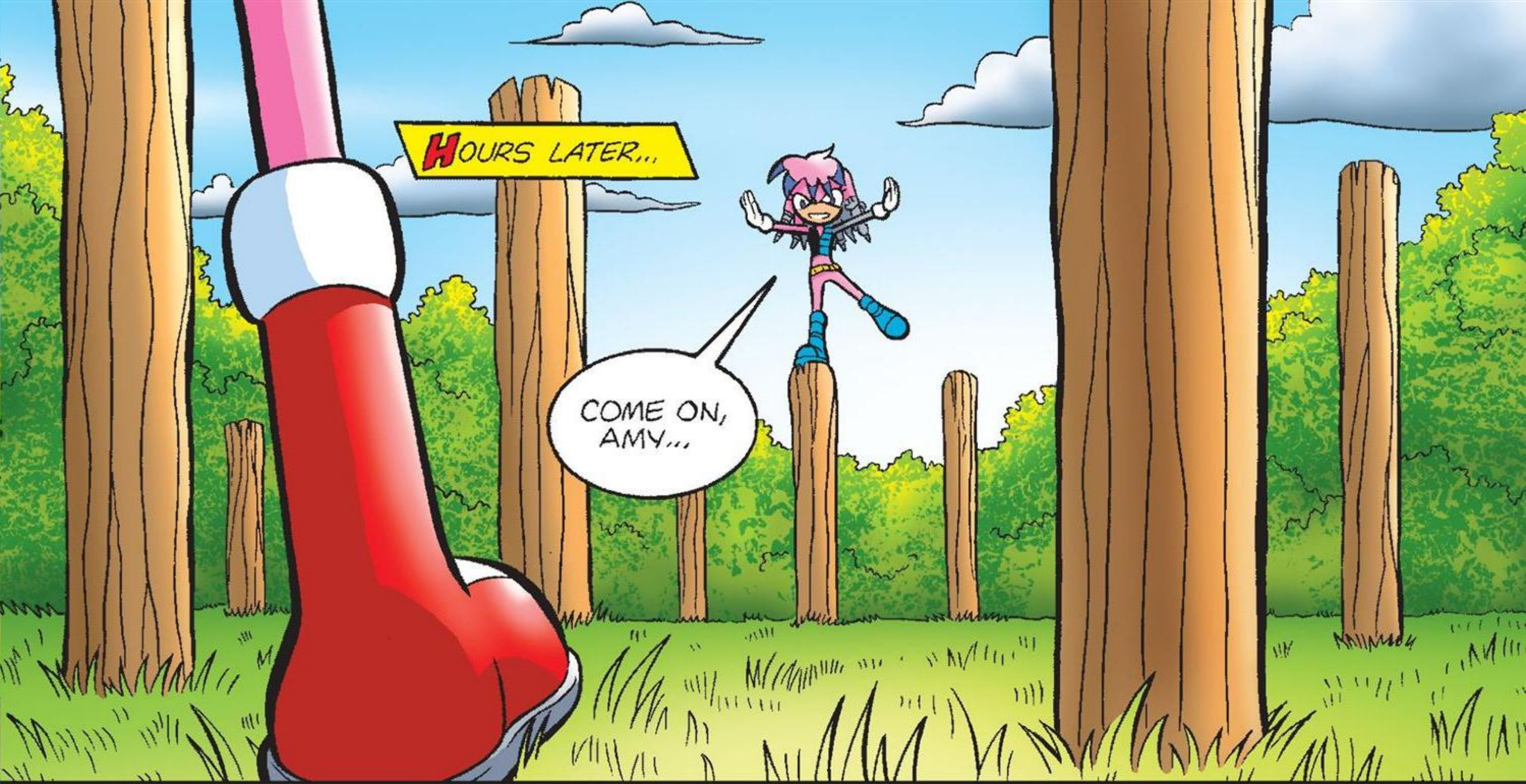
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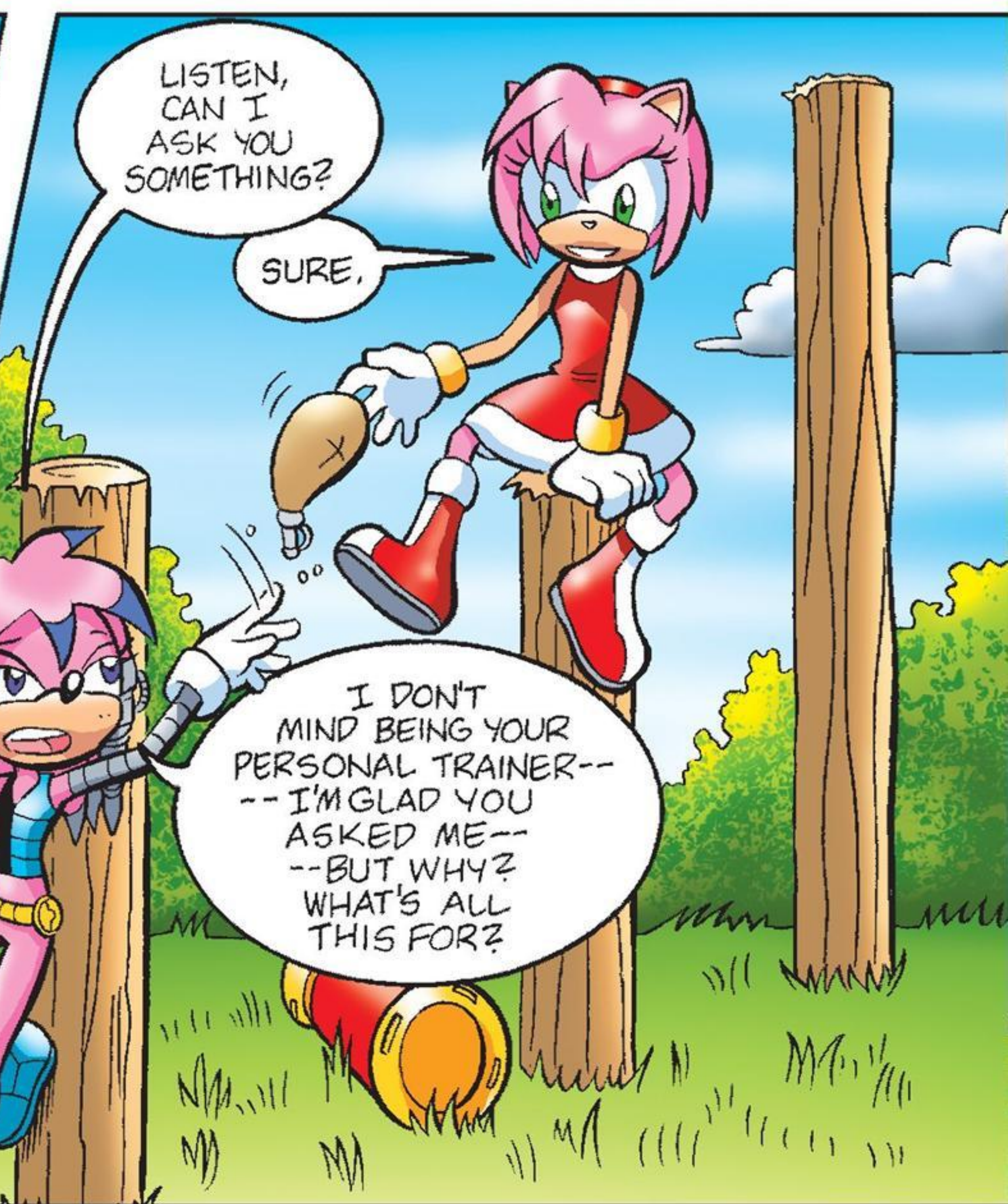
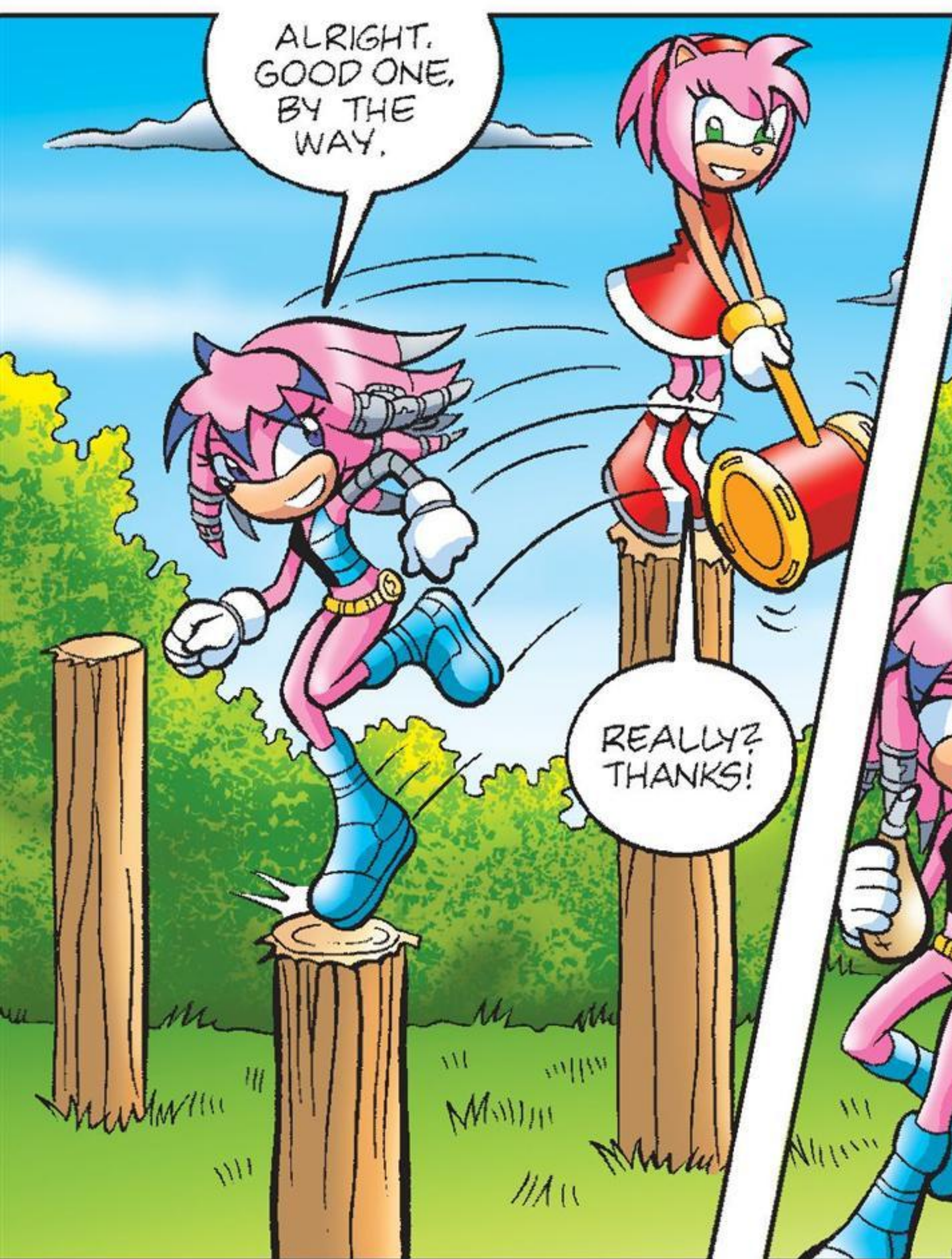
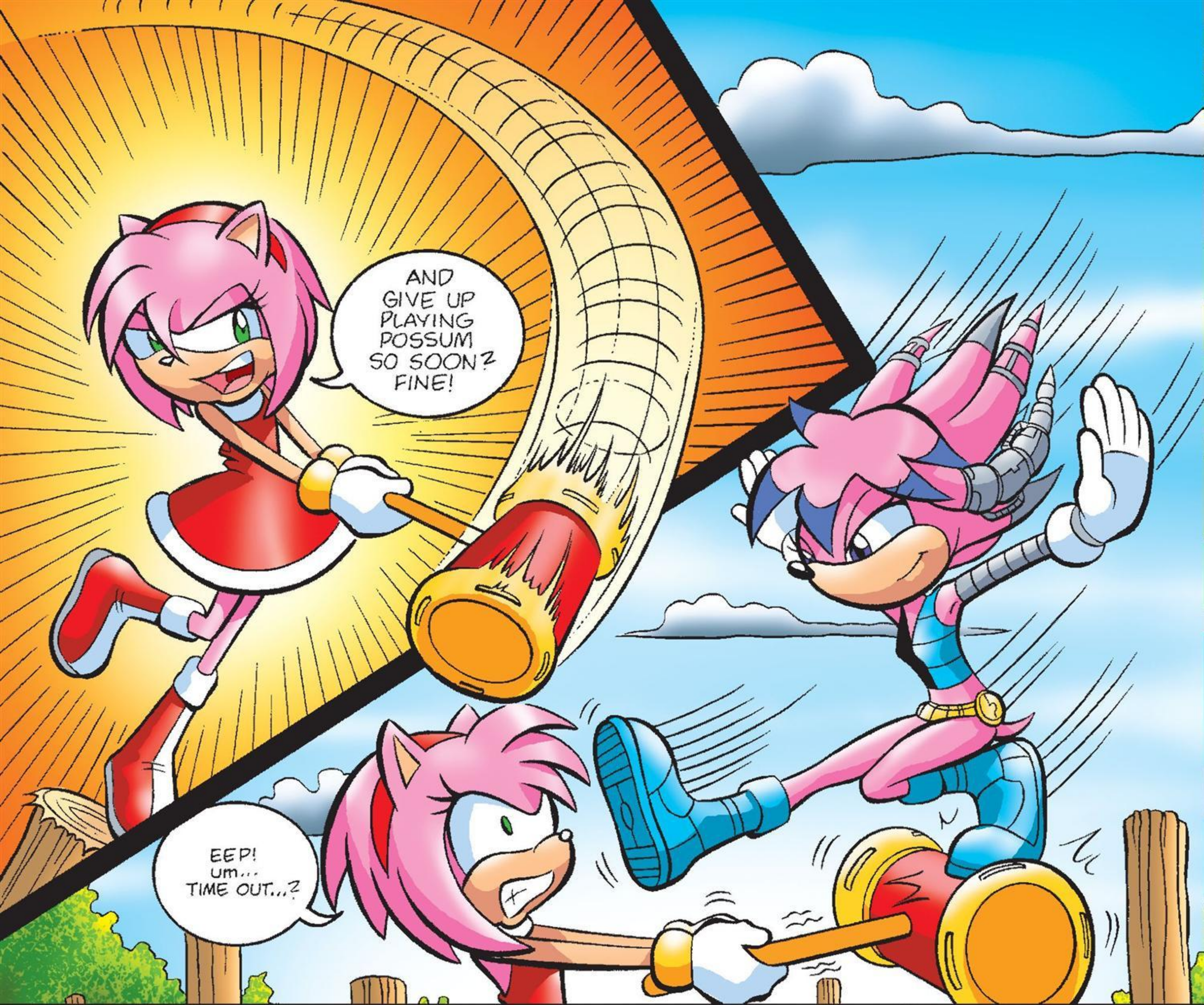
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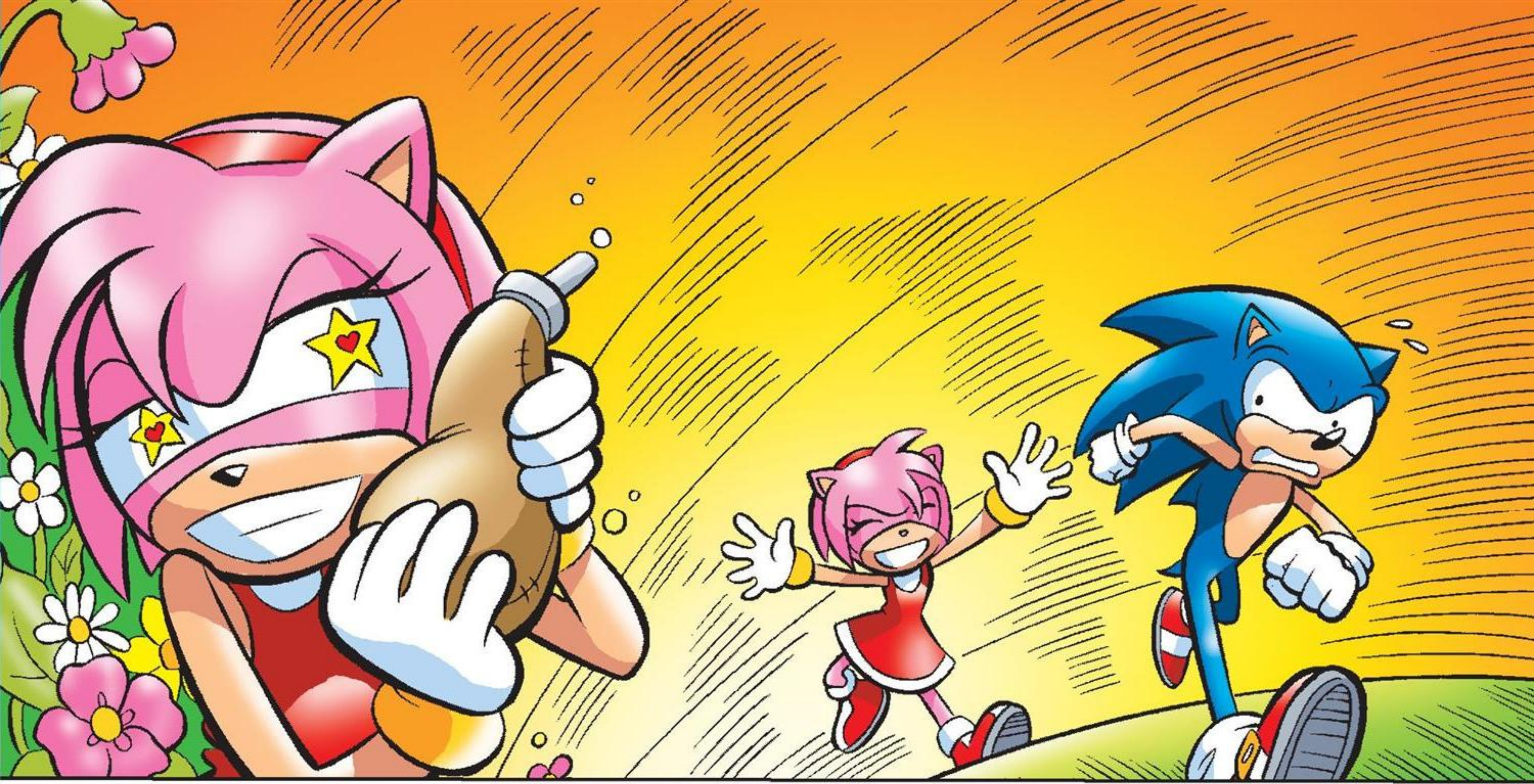
BUT WET FOOTWEAR IS BAD FOR YOUR FEET!

OH, CRY ME A RIV--

DON'T EVEN SAY IT!







I WANT TO BE THE BEST FEMALE FREEDOM FIGHTER SO SONIC WILL NOTICE ME!

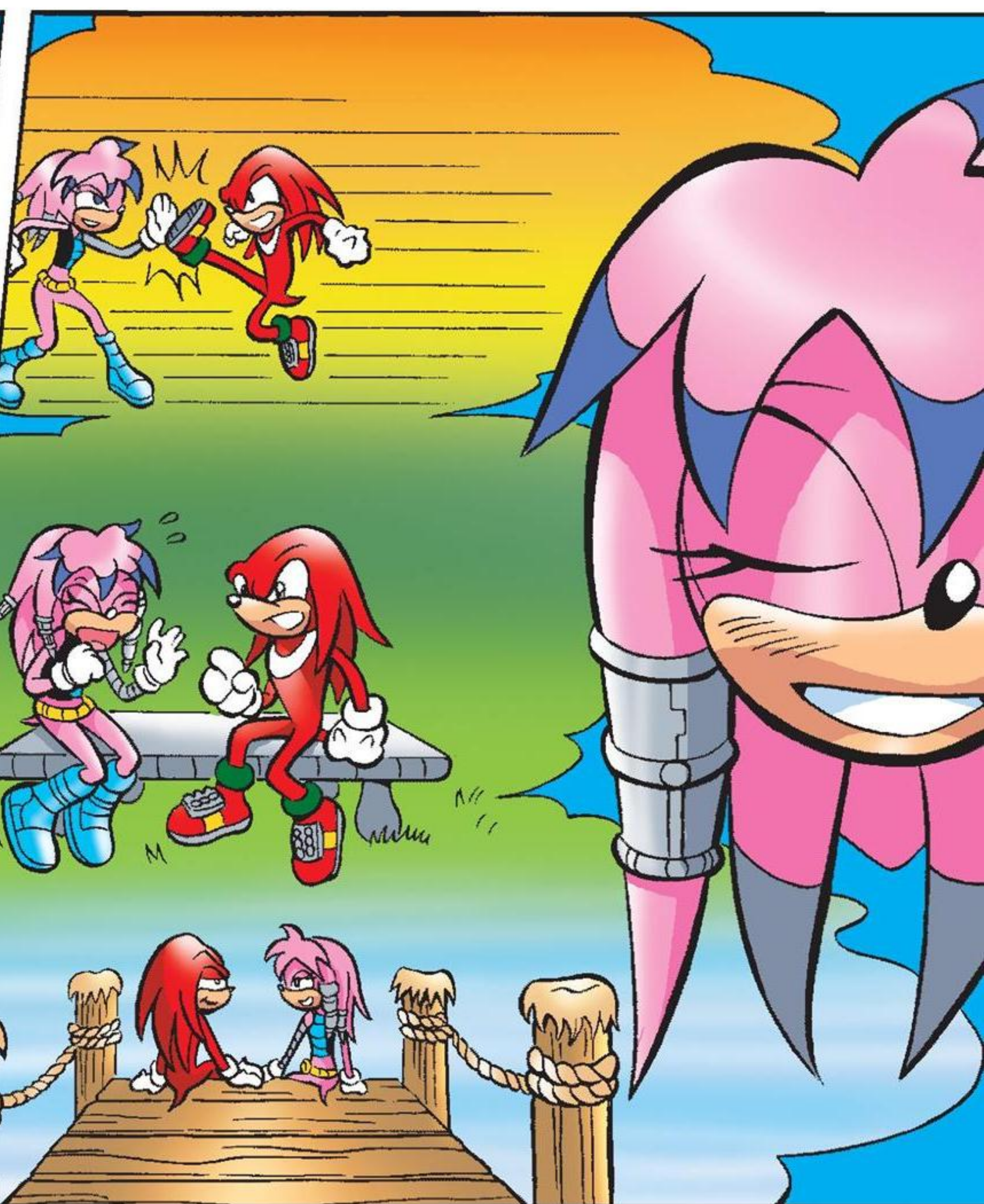
HE'LL ALWAYS BE THE FASTEST THING ALIVE, BUT I WANT TO STAY RIGHT WITH HIM ALL THE WAY!

IT WORKS FOR YOU AND KNUCKLES SO WELL, I HAVE TO TRY!

WHAT?!

WELL, YOU TWO ARE EQUALS, AREN'T YOU? I'VE SEEN YOU GO TOE-TO-TOE IN TRAINING SESSIONS.

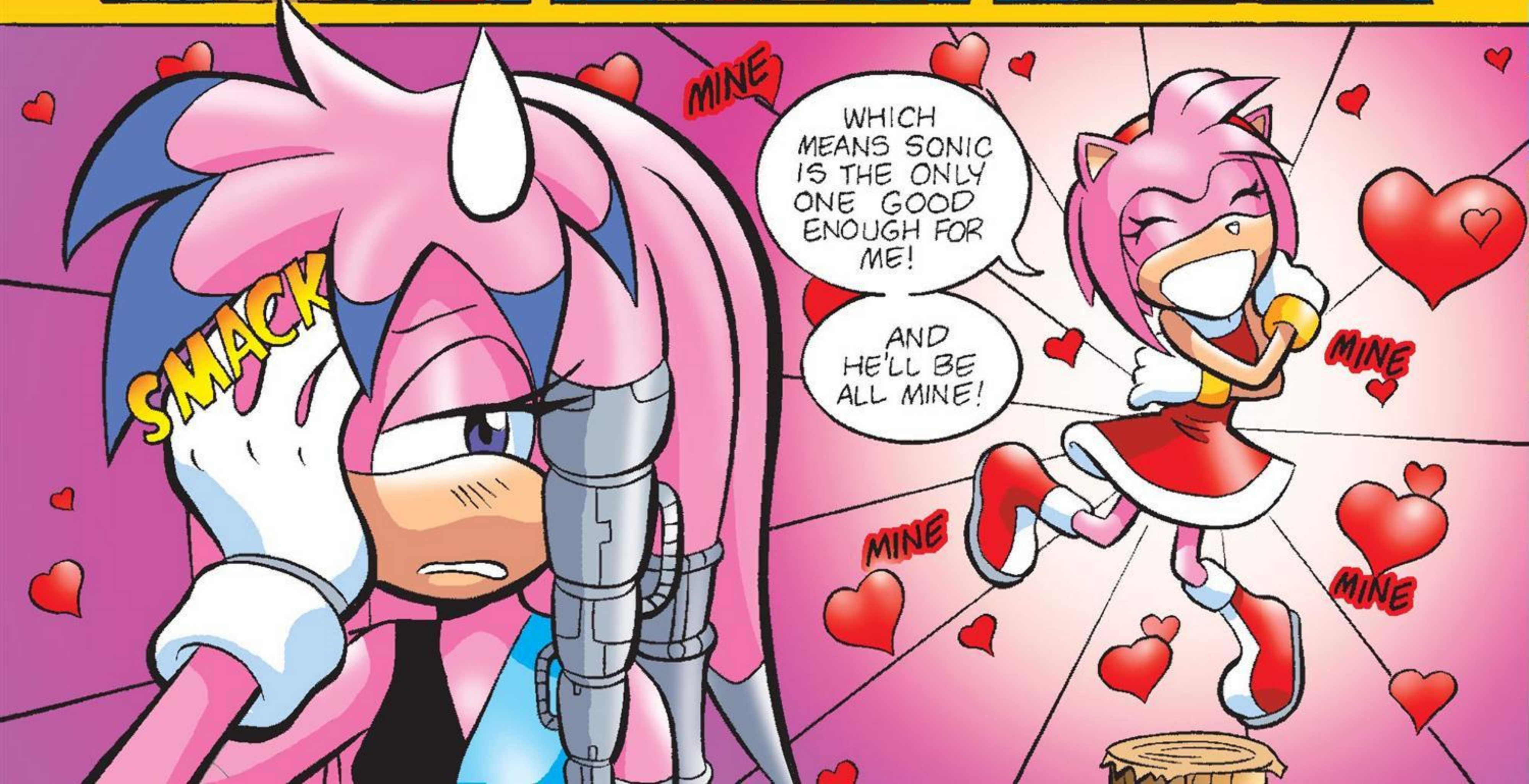
THAT'S NOT ALL OF IT, AMY...

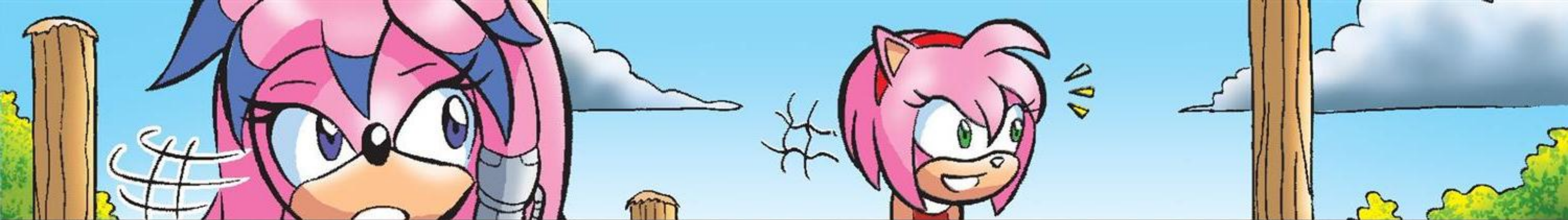


...WE DO ENJOY BEING SPARRING EQUALS BUT WE ALSO ENJOY JUST HANGING OUT. AND HE'S THE ONLY GUY I CAN BE MUSHY AROUND AND NOT FEEL WEAK. BESIDES, YOU DO KNOW THE ONE TIME HE WAS ROMANTIC WITH YOU IT WAS REALLY SCOURGE BEING A SLEAZE, RIGHT?*

YEAH, YEAH...

*BACK WHEN HE WAS EVIL SONIC IN STH#150





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